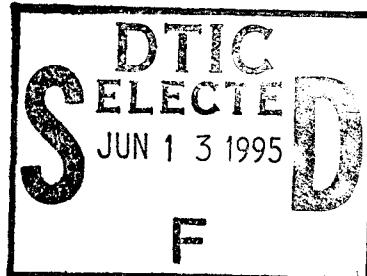




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# **SECTION 1 SCOPE**

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## **1.1 IDENTIFICATION**

This manual describes the functionality of and interfaces to the Simulation Network Interface Package (SNIP™). Check the Release Notes to determine which version of the Programmer's Manual supports which version(s) of the software.

## **1.2 DOCUMENT OVERVIEW**

The remainder of this document is divided into these sections and appendices.

Editors Note: Not all sections and appendices are complete.

- Section 2 provides references to other documents.
- Section 3 provides information on the SNIP development environment and resources needed to compile and link SNIP into a DIS application.
- Section 4 provides a general 'how-to' approach to building a SNIP application, by providing a step-by-step explanation, with examples, of how to initialize, configure, and use SNIP.
- Section 5 is a reference manual which is divided into two subsections.
  - Subsection 5.1 documents global scope function and data types.
  - Subsection 5.2 documents SNIP global function definitions (man pages).
- Appendix A contains a list of all the SNIP error values and their corresponding message strings.
- Appendix B provides a list of all the values in SNIP that can be parameterized, and their defined defaults.
- Appendix C contains C code for an example SNIP application.
- Appendix D describes code for a Vehicle Combat STDM
- Appendix E describes the SIMNET 6.6.1 SPDM
- Appendix F describes the DIS 1.0 SPDM

- Appendix G describes the SIMNET Association Layer NDM
- Appendix H describes the Non-Blocking Socket (UDP/IP) NDM
- Appendix I describes the DIS 2.0.3 SPDM

### **1.3 SYSTEM OVERVIEW**

SNIP is a set of software libraries that fit together in layers to provide an API for use by writers of simulation application software.

The SNIP toolkit provides an architecture for developing distributed simulation applications. A key feature of this architecture is the fact that each of the following:

- the type of simulation
- the simulation protocols
- the communications protocols and
- the communications media used to convey this information

are all specifiable at 'run-time' by installing independent control modules. In addition, provisions are made for to augment the information and processing provided by SNIP by the installation of application-defined modules which address these areas:

- the specific application
- the type of application

SNIP was designed to meet several goals.

- ease of use - by choosing the default configurations a prototype application can be developed quickly, even by a novice engineer
- fine grain control - by using control and status functions, and by taking advantage of the installed functions and data pointers, a sophisticated engineer can get the necessary control over the software and hardware
- simulation protocol independence - the engineer writing the application does not need to know the details of the chosen simulation protocol
- network independence - the engineer writing the application does not need to know the details of the chosen network
- early PDU rejection - SNIP is designed to have filters at several places in several layers to reduce processing load by allowing the rejection of unwanted PDUs based on criteria appropriate for that layer
- saving computed information - when SNIP has information in more than one format it stores all formats so that recomputation is not necessary

- risk reduction - areas of functionality are well partitioned and modularized in SNIP so that when facing a new application an engineer can quickly quantify the configuration of and/or changes to SNIP modules that will be necessary to meet customer requirements
- configurable error handling - SNIP must be able to run on computer systems that have a minimum of debugging support and so provides extensive error and warning features that are level configurable

Table 1, "Installable SNIP Modules", provides brief definitions of each of the independent control modules. These modules will be more fully described in later chapters.

Table 1: Installable SNIP Modules

Simulation Type Dependent Module STDM

This module is a set of C type definitions and macros, and allocation, deallocation, and duplication functions, which fully define and implement a set of data structures to be used for a given type of simulation, such as vehicle on vehicle combat, or card games, etc.

Application Type Dependent Module ATDM

This module is a set of C type definitions and macros, and allocation, deallocation, and duplication functions, which fully define and implement a set of data structures specified by the user application, to be used to augment the data structures provided by SNIP and any STDM(s) used.

Simulation Protocol Dependent Module SPDM

This module is a set of C functions and data structures used to convert between a given simulation protocol and the simulation information data structures specified by SNIP and a given STDM.

Network Dependent Module NDM

This module is a set of functions and data structures used to send and receive packets using a specified network protocol suite over a specified communications medium.

Application Dependent Module ADM

This module is a set of C functions and data structures used to convert between a given simulation protocol and the data structures specified a given ATDM.

Entity Approximation Implementation Module EAIM

This module is a set of C functions and data structures used to implement one or more entity dead reckoning algorithms. Besides dead reckoning entity approximation includes checking thresholds for local entities, and optionally smoothing to reduce visual jitter.

### 1.3.1 Summary

SNIP provides information from the simulated world (remote information), information about the entities that are in the simulated world and the interactions among these entities (events). SNIP does not, at this time, provide information about the terrain of the simulated world.

SNIP allows the user application to specify information about the parts of the simulated world that it is simulating (local information) in formats that are independent of the simulation protocol chosen to convey the information, and SNIP will distribute this simulation information to the other simulation applications through an API that is independent of the communications media and network protocol suite used.

Through the use of run-time selectable libraries the user application can make use of multiple simulation protocols, network or message passing services, entity approximation implementations, and filters. Entities and events are kept in a database. SNIP is parameterized so that on startup configurable features such as the allocation of data structures can be controlled through a simple parameter file.

Information is passed among simulations using PDUs (Protocol Data Units). PDUs are designed to optimize transmission over some communications medium, and are not designed to be easy to use by application software. SNIP converts PDUs into SIUs (Simulation Information Units). SIUs are designed for use by a user application and offer features such as storing coordinate and orientation information in any of several formats and having space for user application specific information.

SIUs are used to represent both entities and events. The user application receives remote information about the simulated world in the form of SIUs, and gives SIUs to SNIP to transmit local information to the other simulations which are part of the simulated world.

To partake in a simulation a user application joins into one or more simulation groups by configuring an SGAP (Simulation Group Access Port) to communicate with that group. Several characteristics make a simulation group unique: choice of simulation protocol, type of communications medium and type of network protocol suite, the specific device of the chosen communication medium, and the address used within the network protocol suite. (In this document when we say "network" we do not limit that to traditional networks like Ethernet or FDDI. We include any medium that will move bytes, such as shared memory, reflective memory, a serial line, a file, etc.) An SGAP is also configured to use a particular implementation of entity approximation algorithms.

Configuration of an SGAP normally takes place during the early startup activities of the user application. Once the SGAP is configured, the steady state main loop will not have to change when different configurations are chosen. Thus, to move a user application from one simulation protocol to another, or from one network to another, only the startup phase of the user application needs to change. The bulk of the software can be written independently of these configuration choices.

In the main loop the user application receives SIUs from the SGAP and sends SIUs to the SGAP. At the user application's discretion the location and orientation of remote entities

can be approximated (dead reckoned and perhaps smoothed). The user application can direct the SGAP to send an SIU explicitly, or, for local entities, to only send it if any of the transmission time, location, or orientation thresholds have been exceeded.

The above comments assume the user application wants maximum insulation from protocol and network details. If the user application does not want PDUs converted into SIUs, it can receive raw PDUs directly from the PDU-Router library (which is what the SGAP library calls), or from the Network Tap library (which is what the PDU-Router library calls).

### **1.3.2 SNIP Functionality**

#### **1.3.2.1 Simulation Information Units (SIUs)**

One of the principal goals of SNIP is to isolate, to the greatest degree possible, the application from the details of the syntax and semantics of the network and simulation protocol(s) in use. Semantic independence is achieved through the functional interfaces at each SNIP layer.

Syntactic independence is achieved by communicating all simulation information between an application and SNIP using Simulation Interface Units, or SIUs. SIUs are classified as either entity or event SIUs. Entities are things in the simulated world that have a physical presence in that world, and which logically persist for the duration of a simulated exercise (even if constraints of a particular simulation require that entity to be withdrawn). Events, on the other hand, are transient in nature; they have an occurrence time, and last for some duration that is dependent on the type of event. In many simulations, events are treated as having no duration at all.

In addition to organizing data as either entities or events, there are different types of entity and event SIUs, e.g., platform entities, lifeform entities, collision events. Each SIU type specifies a unique data structure that is used to convey that type. Within an SIU type, data may be further classified (a lifeform might be animal or vegetable) but the same data structure is used to convey both.

The SIU data structure is segmented into three different kinds of simulation data: generic, simulation-type-specific, and application-type-specific. Each of these different segments is called a data domain. Figure 1.1 shows the relationships among the various domains of an SIU.

Generic domain information is information that is considered to be necessary for any distributed interactive simulation. The generic domain information is determined by SNIP. It includes things like location, origin of data (local or remote), orientation (for entities), and timestamps. There are two generic entity SIU types defined: platform and lifeform; and four generic event SIU types: entity entry, entity exit, collision, and entity appearance change.

Note that a generic SIU type may still contain simulation-type-specific or application-type-specific information.

The simulation-type-specific domain information is information that is considered to be necessary for the type of simulation being implemented. For example, one type of simulation might be traffic patterns in an urban area, another might be the flow of materials and energy in a factory, another might be vehicle-on-vehicle combat. Each type of simulation will require different information be maintained and exchanged among simulation applications.

The simulation-type-specific domain information is determined by a user- installable module called a Simulation Type Dependent Module, or STDM. SNIP is delivered with an STDM that is designed for vehicle combat simulations. It encompasses information like munitions, forces, fire and detonation events. Note that there is a relationship between the STDM and the simulation protocols used; this STDM is designed for use with protocols such as SIMNET and DIS.

Application-type-specific domain information is information that is considered to be necessary for specific a application to be implemented. For example, one application might simulate a single entity, another might simulate hundreds of entities, another might translate from one simulation protocol to another, and another might listen to the simulation exercise to provide a "window on the world." The application-type-specific domain information of the SIU is determined by the user application, is specified as an Application Type Dependent Module (or ATDM) and can be installed in a manner similar to that used for the STDM.

Each entity SIU is given a process-wide unique identifier. For example, entity SIU ID 5 always refers to the same entity during a simulation. If this entity is deleted, the ID will not be reassigned until all other IDs have been exhausted.

### **1.3.2.2 SIU DATA FORMATS**

In SNIP, there are four common classes of information that can be described in several different ways in an SIU. These classes are world coordinates, body coordinates, world-to-body rotations, and measurements.

World coordinates may be specified in:

- Geocentric Cartesian Coordinates (GCC) (WGS84)
- curved Topocentric Cartesian Coordinates (TCC) (English or metric units)
- Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Northing/Easting/Z
- flat TCC (Level) (UTM derived, English or metric units)
- UTM Military Grid/Z
- Latitude/Longitude/Z (Z in English or metric units, local datum or WGS84)

Body coordinates may be expressed as:

- Z axis up with X axis roll
- Z axis up with Y axis roll
- Z axis down with X axis roll
- Z axis down with Y axis roll

World-to-body rotations may be expressed with the body in any of the above systems as:

- Euler Angles
- 3x3 Transformation Matrices
- Quaternions

Finally, measurement data (such as volume, length, and mass), may be specified in:

- English units
- metric units.

In all cases, data from one system is preserved during conversion to another system, eliminating unnecessary reconversions when data has not changed.

### **1.3.2.3 CONFIGURATION**

SNIP may be configured to use zero or more simulation protocols. It can also be configured to use zero or more virtual networks. As noted above, the format of data in the SIUs can also be configured. SNIP allows the installation of user-written network packet rejection filters. Updates about entities may be received by the application as network packets arrive, or on demand.

### **1.3.2.4 PARAMETERS**

A major feature of SNIP is that there are no hard-coded software limits. Parameters such as the number of entities and events supported, and the number of network devices that may be installed are all established in a single parameter file. Using this parameter mechanism, the user can control the resources used by SNIP while insuring that no limits within the software itself are reached.

### **1.3.2.5 ERROR HANDLING**

The SNIP error handling facility provides information about both Warnings and Errors. Errors are considered unrecoverable, and the calling application will usually exit after taking any cleanup actions that it desires. SNIP always returns as soon as an error is detected. Warnings are indications that SNIP cannot proceed exactly as anticipated. When SNIP detects a situation that warrants a warning it may be able to continue, or may return immediately.

The error facility provides:

- An indication of Warning or Error
- An indication of Severity of Warning or Error
- A trace of the calling sequence that led to the Warning or Error
- Information about the state of each module in the call chain at the time of Warning or Error

### **1.3.3 THE SNIP ARCHITECTURE**

SNIP is a layered product. The highest layers are intended to provide ease of use, and appropriate data abstractions for managing distributed simulation data. Successively lower layers allow finer-grained control of the system, while providing less abstraction from the details of the application and network protocols in use.

#### **1.3.3.1 SNIP LAYER**

The highest layer is simply called the SNIP layer, and is intended solely for ease of use. Currently, it provides a mechanism for initializing and uninitialized all the elements of SNIP. Since initialization of the various pieces of SNIP is order dependent, this module isolates the user from needing to know the specific dependencies involved. Initialization is discussed in greater detail in the section on initialization.

#### **1.3.3.2 SIU LAYER**

The SIU layer provides an interface to the user application that is simulation protocol-independent. This interface layer:

- creates local entities and events
- sends and receives SIUs
- filters SIUs based on SIU type and/or user-defined criteria

## Simulation Group Access Ports

For distributed simulations to interact, they must agree on a simulation protocol, some sort of addressing mechanism, and the network protocol/ communication medium to use. SNIP defines a simulation protocol/ group address pair as a Simulation Group. The group address is defined by the PDU ROUTER Module, and has the type SNIP\_GROUP; it may map to an exercise ID in a given SPDM, a network address in a given NDM, or both. SNIP itself assigns no special meaning to its value. SNIP provides Simulation Group Access Ports (SGAPs) as the mechanism to establish such groups. Once an SGAP is created, one or more network protocol suite(s)/ communications medium(a) may be chosen to use with that SGAP. For applications which must use more than one Simulation Group simultaneously (such as gateways) SNIP allows the creation of multiple SGAPs.

The simulation protocol used by an SGAP is determined by creating a special structure of data and function pointers which encapsulates the details of that protocol. This structure is called a Simulation Protocol Dependent Module (SPDM). Once created, it can be installed in as many SGAPs as desired.

The primary purpose of the SPDM is to convert back and forth between the simulation protocol for which it is written and SNIP SIUs. SIUs are made up of three data domains: generic, simulation-type-specific, and application-type-specific. An SPDM needs to be able to translate generic and simulation-type-specific data domains. The user application should provide a module for any application-type-specific conversions. This module is referred to as an Application Dependent Module, or ADM, and is installed into an SGAP in the same manner as an SPDM.

## SIU Manager

The creation and management of SIUs is controlled by a module called the SIU Manager. The SIU Manager has the responsibility for creating, duplicating, and destroying the different types of SIUs, as well as providing a database of these SIUs.

The generic portion of an SIU is defined as part of the SNIP architecture. The simulation-type-specific portion, however, may be independently defined. To be able to allocate and deallocate simulation-type-specific SIUs and simulation-type-specific portions of generic SIUs, a module of allocation/ deallocation functions is needed to define the structure of this data. This module is called a Simulation Type Dependent Module, or STDM. SNIP is delivered with an STDM for vehicle-on-vehicle combat (where, for these purposes, Dismounted Infantry are treated as vehicles).

All SPDMs depend on an STDM, since the STDM defines portions of the SIU which the SPDMs must translate. It is up to each user application whether or not any ADMs will depend on any STDMs. In an analogous fashion, the user application can create an Application Type Dependent Module, or ATDM, which defines any application-type-specific data in the SIUs. One STDM and an optional ATDM are installed for every SIU Manager channel. This SIU Manager channel's ID is then provided to an SGAP when it is created.

Figure 1.2 shows the relationship of the various installable modules in the SIU layer (SPDM, ADM, STDM, and ATDM).

### Other SIU Layer Features

It is not always desirable to receive every SIU that becomes available. SNIP provides a way to specify which SIU types the user application wishes to receive; this feature is called SIU type subscription. SNIP also allows the user application to install user defined filter routines which can filter based on any part of the SIU.

As outlined in the section on Data Formats, SNIP enables the user application to work with a wide variety of data formats. Conversion among these various World, Body, and Rotational Systems is managed by the FORMAT Module. The FORMAT Module provides a way to define Format Set Indicators; for example, one format set might be

- World Coordinates in GCC
- Body Coordinates with Z Axis Down, X Axis Front
- Rotations in Euler Angles
- Measurements in Metric

When the user application requests an SIU from SNIP, it also provides a Data Format Indicator. All appropriate information in the SIU will be provided in the specified formats. The user application can also explicitly request conversion of any part of an SIU to a different format.

#### **1.3.3.3 NETWORK ACCESS LAYER**

The Network Access Layer is made up of a Network Tap Module and a PDU Router Module. The Network Tap Module provides a standard interface so that multiple, possibly disparate, network protocol suites and communications media can be used to send and receive PDUs within a single simulation process.

The Network Tap Module provides the framework from which installed Network Dependent Modules (NDMs) are invoked; each NDM controls a single network protocol suite over a single communications medium.

The PDU Router multiplexes and demultiplexes PDUs that move between one or more callers (normally SGAPs) and the Network Tap.

During configuration the PDU Router enables the caller to set up a channel that uses one or more NDMs that are installed in the Net Tap to send and receive PDUs.

On receive the PDU Router returns the next PDU to the caller and queues the incoming PDU for each additional caller that is configured to receive it. The queuing is optimized so that only the minimum necessary copying of PDUs is done.

On send the PDU Router sends the given PDU to each NDM configured into the Network Tap Module for the caller.

The PDU Router is normally not called directly from a user application. The user application normally makes calls at the SGAP layer or higher. The SGAP then calls the PDU Router as needed.

#### **1.3.3.4 SNIP UTILITIES**

##### **Database Support**

The Database Support Module provides a standard mechanism for creating databases of objects. Database elements can be accessed directly (by ID) or sequentially. For example, the SIU Manager uses the DB Support Module to maintain a database of entities and a database of events. The SGAP Module uses DB Support to create a database of SGAPs. The Data base Support Module allows all the other SNIP modules to attach a private user data area to each instance of an element maintained by DB Support without creating a compile time dependency between these modules.

##### **Parameterized Operation**

The Parameter Module is used by all the other modules in SNIP (except for the Error Module). It provides a simple interface for accessing integer, floating point, and character string parameters.

#### **1.3.3.5 ERROR HANDLING**

All of the modules outlined above depend on the SNIP Error Module. The Error Module is invoked by SNIP whenever an Error or Warning condition is encountered. The user application may examine the error/warning tree created, which contains all warnings and/or errors encountered in SNIP and the calling sequence for each, print the tree, print individual nodes, or even call a function which will invoke a user specified function on each node of the tree. An error string is associated with each error number in SNIP; these strings are read from a parameter file, and so may be tailored to a given application's own error mechanisms.

#### **1.3.3.6 NON-SNIP SUPPORT LIBRARIES**

SNIP uses other existing government software archives developed over the course of several projects in Loral Advanced Distributed Simulation. A brief description of each is given below.

##### **Class**

Allows the creation of object classes with multiple user data items, which can then be instantiated.

Coordinates

Provides conversion among several world coordinate systems, including GCC, latitude/longitude/Z, UTM, and user defined TCCs.

Queue

A general queuing mechanism, which includes reference counts.

Reader

A set of routines for reading and managing data and parameter files, which are specified in a LISP-like format.

Vecmat

A VECTOR and MATRIX manipulation toolkit.

Assoc

The SIMNET Association layer.

Netif

Used by Assoc to access the network.

Cmdline

Handles the application invocation command line. Used in the CAU and CIU.

Hash

Provides hashing functions.

CTDB

Compact Terrain Database, helps the user application place itself on the terrain.

Movec

Support for Netif.

P2P

Point-to-Point protocol, runs on top of Assoc, a mode supported by the Assoc NDM.

Queue

Buffer allocation.

Reader

Processes parameter files.

Parser

Support for Reader, reads parameter files.

Time

Standardized clock services.

TTY

Lowlevel I/O support.

## **SECTION 2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS**

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"Protocol Data Units For Entity Information And Entity Interaction In A Distributed Interactive Simulation," Military Standard Draft, May 1992

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"Standard for Information Technology Distributed Simulation Applications Process and Data Entity Interchange Formats," IEEE Project P1278, v.1.1, October 30, 1991



# **SECTION 3 ENVIRONMENTS**

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## **3.1 REQUIREMENTS**

### **3.1.1 KNR or ANSI C**

The SNIP distribution can only be compiled using a KNR-style (Kernighan and Ritchie) C compiler, an ANSI-style C compiler (if it automatically compiles KNR-style C), or both. Since some of the support libraries in this distribution predate the SNIP development and are written in the KNR style they require a KNR- style compiler. The SNIP-specific libraries were written in the ANSI style but KNR versions have also been provided as a convenience. This distribution was made assuming certain default compilers for both ANSI and KNR styles. Check the Release Notes for the names of the default compilers.

SNIP-specific libraries are strictly conforming ANSI C software, as defined in ANSI X3.159-1989 Section 1.7 Compliance.

### **3.1.2 POSIX.1 Operating System**

SNIP is guaranteed not to fail due to system call or system header file incompatibilities if the operating system on which it runs conforms to the ISO/IEC 9945-1:1990 (IEEE Std 1003.1) standard, "Information Technology - Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX) - Part1: System Application Program Interface (API) [C Language]."

Porting SNIP to operating systems that conform to POSIX.1, C Language Binding (Common-Usage C Language-Dependent System Support) may require some additional module(s) to map the C Standard system calls to the Common Usage system calls as they are implemented. There may also be some differences in header files that will need to be accommodated. The operating system vendor must document these differences to be POSIX.1-conforming.

Additional module(s) that provide a subset of essential POSIX.1 facilities may need to be created if SNIP is ported to a non-conforming operating system.

If some non-essential facilities are not provided, then SNIP may be able to run but will not be fully functional. The degree to which this poses a problem depends on how closely the operating system conforms to the standard.

### **3.1.3 Disk Storage**

The SNIP software distribution requires approximately 9.2 megabytes of disk storage. After compilation (with no debugging flags set) the SNIP libraries take up approximately 3 more megabytes of disk storage, for a total of about 12 megabytes.

### **3.1.4 Runtime Memory Usage**

SNIP was designed to ensure speed of execution whenever possible. In nearly every case the decision was to use more memory if it helped speed up the execution. The Application Program Interface (API) was also designed to ensure ease-of-use in those cases in which the improvement in the interface warranted the amount of memory used.

At this time memory usage has been calculated for the DIS (using UDP/IP) and SIMNET protocols (using the Association Layer), the Geocentric, Level Earth, and Body coordinate systems, Euler and 3X3 Orthonormal Matrix rotational systems, and for entities. Events are normally deleted soon after they are processed and so do not have a long term affect on memory usage. The only memory usage calculated for events is the amount needed for initialization.

All measurements are in bytes.

#### **3.1.4.1 Initialization**

Database	3528
each DB entry	28
(each entity or event)	
each SGAP	232
DIS	
DIS 2.0.3 SPDM	188
each entity	80
each event	24
each Non Blocking Socket NDM	424
128 preallocated PDU buffers for	
Non Blocking Socket NDMS	190976
SIMNET	
SIMNET 6.6.1 SPDM	384
each entity	80
each event	24
each Libassoc NDM	436

The Non Blocking Socket NDM allocates PDU buffers in groups of buffers that hold successively twice the number of PDUs as the previously allocated group. This is to better support the SGAP-buffered entity mode (a data copy is avoided, the allocation is done less frequently, and memory will not get badly fragmented).

New PDUs are always put in a buffer from the most recent group allocated. If there have been at least two groups of buffers allocated, then when all the buffers of the first group are returned to the NDM, that group of buffers is freed. Eventually the memory used for PDU buffers stabilizes at a size at which the SGAP can buffer of all the entities in the exercise.

For a DIS configuration set up like this in the parameter file:

```
(  
  (MAX_SGAPS          1)  
  (MAX_NDMS          1)  
  (MAX_TCC           1)  
  (MAX_LEVEL          1)  
  (MAX_QUEUED_SIUS   4)  
  (MAX_SPDM_OPENES   1)  
  (MAX_SIUMGR_OPENES 1)  
  (MAX_DEVICE_NAME_LENGTH 32)  
  (MAX_ENTITIES       128)  
  (MAX_EVENTS          1024) )
```

The memory usage for initialization would be:

Database	3528
1 SGAP	232
128 entities	13824
1024 events	53248
1 Non Blocking Socket NDM	424
128 preallocated PDU buffers for Non Blocking Socket NDMS	190976
-----	
	262232
add 10% for memory used to align each allocation on 8 byte boundary	26223
=====	
	288455

### 3.1.4.2 Local Entities

Entity Creation:

Coordinate System	Level Earth	Geocentric
Rotational System	3 X 3 Matrix	Euler angles
-----		
Hull	829	733
Coordinate System	Body Coordinates	Body Coordinates
Rotational System	3 X 3 Matrix	Euler angles
-----		
Articulated Part	436	340

Entity transmission requires further per entity allocation:

Coordinate System	Level Earth	Geocentric
Rotational System	3 X 3 Matrix	Euler angles
-----	-----	-----
 Hull		
sent DIS 1.0	128	56
sent SIMNET 6.6.1	44	44
 Coordinate System	Body Coordinates	Body Coordinates
Rotational System	3 X 3 Matrix	Euler angles
-----	-----	-----
 Articulated Part		
sent DIS 1.0	44	44
sent SIMNET 6.6.1	0	0

Per local tank (hull + turret + gun) set up to use Level Earth and 3X3 Matrices in the application and to be sent using DIS:

Creation	1701
Transmission	216
-----	
	1917

Per local tank (hull + turret + gun) set up to use Geocentric and Euler angles in the application and to be sent using DIS:

Creation	1413
Transmission	144
-----	
	1557

### **3.1.4.3 Remote Entities**

Entity Reception and Creation:

Coordinate System	Level Earth	Geocentric
Rotational System	3 X 3 Matrix	Euler angles
-----	-----	-----
 Hull		
received DIS 1.0	909	885
received SIMNET 6.6.1	873	945

Coordinate System	Body Coordinates	Body Coordinates
Rotational System	3 X 3 Matrix	Euler angles
-----	-----	-----
Articulated Part		
received DIS 1.0	856	904
2 Articulated Parts		
received SIMNET 6.6.1	968	1064

Per remote tank (hull + turret + gun) set up to use Level Earth and 3 X 3 Matrices in the application and to be received using DIS:

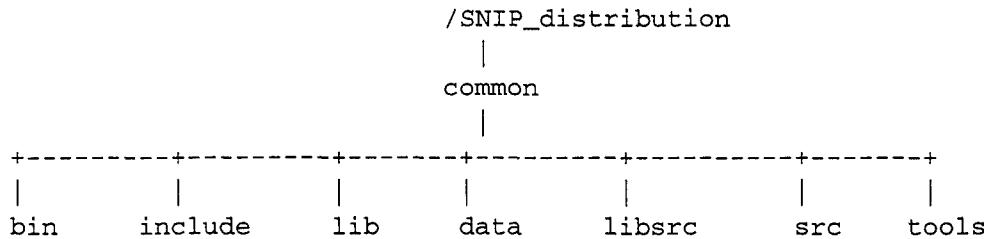
Reception and Creation	2621
-----	
	2621

Per remote tank (hull + turret + gun) set up to use Geocentric and Euler angles in the application and to be received using DIS:

Reception and Creation	2693
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	2693

## 3.2 DIRECTORY STRUCTURE

Assuming that the SNIP distribution has been installed in the directory "/SNIP\_distribution", the top of the SNIP distribution directory structure will look like this:

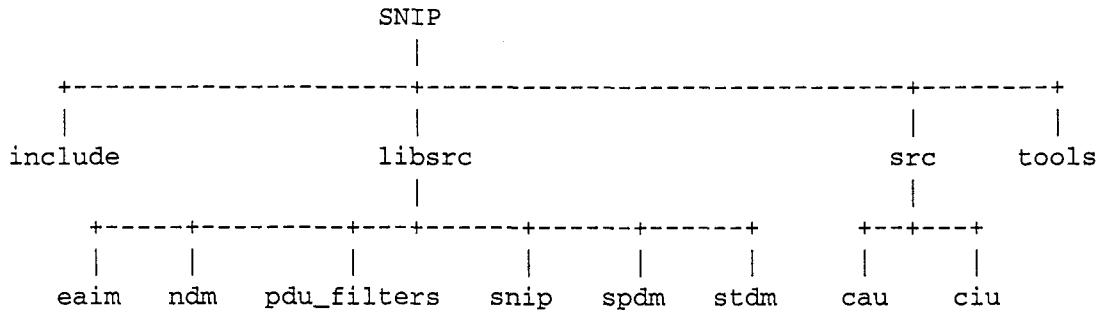


### 3.2.1 Source Files

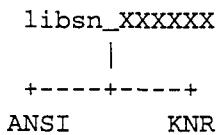
The sources for the SNIP distribution are contained under the /SNIP\_distribution/common/libsrc directory. All sources for the supporting libraries that predate SNIP are in the directories that begin "lib". These directories contain source code files. All sources for SNIP proper are under the "SNIP" directory.

#### 3.2.1.1 SNIP Source Files

Most SNIP source files are those that make the various SNIP libraries. Some are integration tests. The SNIP library sources are split into four directories based on functionality. The top of the SNIP area of the directory tree looks like this:



Under each of the four libsrc directories the modules are separated into directories with this format:



The ndm directory contains all the Network Dependent Modules that are a part of this SNIP software distribution. If you develop a new NDM this is the area where the new development directory should exist.

The spdm directory contains all the Simulation Protocol Dependent Modules that are a part of this SNIP software distribution. If you develop a new SPDM this is the area where the new development directory should exist.

The stdm directory contains all the Simulation Type Dependent Modules that are a part of this SNIP software distribution. If you develop a new STDM this is the area where the new development directory should exist.

The snip directory contains all the modules that make up the various SNIP libraries.

### **3.2.2 Library Archives**

The standard repository for compiled library archives that are ready to be linked against is:

`/SNIP_distribution/common/lib`

### **3.2.3 Header Files**

The standard repository for per module header files that a user application may need to include is:

`/SNIP_distribution/common/include/libinc`

The standard repository for the stdtypes.h general header file is:

`/SNIP_distribution/common/include/global`

### **3.2.4 Executables**

The standard repository for compiled executable sample or test programs or any supporting executable scripts is:

`/SNIP_distribution/common/bin`

The script "build\_snip" which compiles the SNIP distribution is in this directory.

### **3.2.5 Data Files**

The standard repository for data files that a user application may need to use is:

`/SNIP_distribution/common/data`

### **3.3 COMPILED AND MAKEFILES**

In each source code directory there are files that are used by the make utility. These files include:

```
Makefile
make.apprules
make.librules
make.depend
make.config
make.snip
```

If you are compiling SNIP using a compiler different than the default compiler(s) for this distribution, then you may have to change the make.config or make.snip files because they contain compiler-specific information.

The Makefile for each library includes make.config, but only the SNIP-specific libraries include make.snip.

The make.config file contains the compiler switches for the KNR- style compilers. The make.snip file contains the compiler switches for the ANSI-style compilers. In any ANSI directory the make.snip will contain information that overrides part of the make.config file. A make.snip file existing in any KNR directory may be empty.

#### **3.3.1 Using make**

Assuming that the SNIP distribution has been installed in the directory  
"/SNIP\_distribution," invoking make with the "install" target will cause the following:

- the generated library will be copied to the  
/SNIP\_distribution/common/lib directory
- any header files that are needed by the user application  
will be copied to the  
/SNIP\_distribution/common/include/libinc directory
- any data files with a ".rdr" suffix will be copied to the  
/SNIP\_distribution/common/data directory

The make.config and make.snip files allow the user to supply extra flags to the C compiler via the macro EXTRA\_CFLAGS. Most versions of make examine environment variables and include them as macros to the make program. For example, to send the commonly used debugging switch to the C compiler the user would set the EXTRA\_CFLAGS variable in the environment and the make utility would then use it:

```
setenv EXTRA_CFLAGS -g
```

To turn on optimizations the user could:

```
setenv EXTRA_CFLAGS -O3
```

The EXTRA\_CFLAGS macro can also be set directly in a Makefile.

Please see the example Makefile in /SNIP\_distribution/src/cau/ANSI for an example of a Makefile for an application that uses SNIP. This example shows how to link an application with SNIP libraries.

### 3.3.2 Compiling the SNIP distribution

To compile the SNIP software distribution installed in the /SNIP\_distribution directory:

- change directory to /SNIP\_distribution/common/bin
- type:

```
build_snip /SNIP_distribution C_language
```

(C\_language is either ANSI or KNR.)

This will compile each library in the SNIP software distribution and leave copies of these libraries in the directory:

```
/SNIP_distribution/common/lib
```

It will also compile the example programs cau and ciu and move these into the directory:

```
/SNIP_distribution/common/bin
```

### **3.4 USING SNIP IN AN APPLICATION**

The SNIP Application Program Interface (API) consists of the data structures, function calls, and function arguments. The API is described in detail in other sections of this Programmer's Manual. Here we discuss some of the architectural and design considerations for the API and how they affect the use of this API.

SNIP is a layered product that exists as a set of libraries. Two important goals for SNIP are to provide an easy-to-use interface to standard simulation activities, but also to allow fine-grain control for those who need make use of the SNIP libraries in a unique way. When using the higher layers of SNIP, the user will find a straightforward interface that hides the details of SNIP operation. When directly using the lower layers of SNIP the user has the opportunity to determine the flow of control and data in more detail.

Each library has its own API, which is split into three scopes: a global external interface that offers functionality that the typical user will want to access, a global SNIP interface that is primarily used by SNIP itself for calls among libraries, and a local library interface that is used within a single library.

Each API is described in C language software in the header files. The following naming convention has been used to help identify the scope of header files:

- global external scope header file names begin with the prefix "snp\_"
- global SNIP scope header file names begin with the prefix "snl\_"
- local scope header file names begin with the prefix "lib"

The global external and global SNIP header files for a library are copied to the /SNIP\_distribution/common/include/libinc directory as a result of invoking the make utility with either the "headers" or "install" target while in the directory for the given library. Local header files are not copied. Any header files in the /SNIP\_distribution/common/include/libinc directory that do not begin with either "snp\_" or "snl\_" are from support libraries that SNIP uses and that are shipped as part of the SNIP software distribution but that predate SNIP and do not follow SNIP naming conventions.

Normally the user will need only to include "snp\_" header files in their application. The global external scope portion of the SNIP API will provide support for a simulation application as documented. The "snl\_" header files will only be needed if the sophisticated user has a unique situation that requires the global SNIP scope API to accomplish some particular task.

## Distribution Contents

- The SNIP source code and supporting files are ready to be compiled for the computer platforms listed in the Release Notes.
- The SNIP software distribution contains:
- C language source code ("c" and "h" files) suitable for compilation using either ANSI compliant or Kernighan and Ritchie (KNR) compliant compilers
- Makefiles that serve as data to the UNIX "make" utility
- example Cell Adaptor Unit protocol translating gateway
- example Cell Interface Unit filtering gateway with a geographical range filter
- a directory structure that organizes these files into a development environment that will allow easy compilation of the SNIP libraries so you can link them into your application
- a script that performs the automatic compilation of SNIP

## Installation

To install the SNIP software distribution:

- change directory to where you want the SNIP software directory tree to be rooted (named /SNIP\_distribution in this example)
- place the tape in the correct tape drive (named tape\_drive in this example)
- type: tar xvf tape\_drive

This will create a directory named "common" which is the top of the SNIP directory tree.

## Simle Device Driver for Sun SPARC With SunOS4.1.X

The simle device driver on Sun SPARC machines running SunOS4.1.X supports the SIMNET protocol. To learn how to build and install this loadable device driver read the section TO BUILD in the file /SNIP\_distribution/common/src/simle/dvr/simle\_doc.



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## 4.1 HEADER FILES

To allow user applications to include only those C header files actually needed, SNIP provides one external interface file for each SNIP module, plus one file for common data types (snp\_types.h). Each interface file contains the data types, function macros, and enumerations for that module; these are made available to the user application. It also contains a declaration for each global function, including a full prototype. SNIP interface files include any other interface files that are needed within that file; it is therefore never necessary to include one header file because some other header file needs the definitions in it.

Each of these files begins with the prefix.snp\_. The remainder of the header file name identifies the module to which the interface file applies.

The list of external header files is:

snp_types.h	- SNIP-wide defined data types and enumerations
snp_snip.h	- Interface file for the SNIP Layer
snp_typsub.h	- Interface file for the SIU type subscription Module
snp_format.h	- Interface file for the Format Module
snp_siumgr.h	- Interface file for the SIU Manager Module
snp_sgap.h	- Interface file for the SGAP Module
snp_router.h	- Interface file for the PDU Router Module
snp_ntap.h	- Interface file for the Network Tap Module
snp_param.h	- Interface file for the Parameter Module
snp_error.h	- Interface file for the Error Handling Module
snp_approx.h	- Interface file for the Entity Approximation Module

## 4.2 BASIC TYPES

SNIP uses a set of defined data types which are in standard use within Loral Advanced Distributed Simulation. These types are defined in the files stdtypes.h and.snp\_types.h.

The file stdtypes.h is a non-SNIP file included in every SNIP distribution. It defines a set of basic C types which can be configured specifically for each platform to insure maximum portability.

The following are defined in the stdtypes.h file:

ADDRESS	- generic data ptr type
int8, uint8	- 8 bit signed and unsigned integer
int16, uint16	- 16 bit signed and unsigned integer
int32, uint32	- 32 bit signed and unsigned integer
float32	- 32 bit floating point
float64	- 64 bit floating point
FAST_REAL	- fastest floating point representation on specific platform, regardless of precision
NATIVE_INT, NATIVE_UINT	- always int and unsigned int respectively, these are included to guarantee unambiguity

The following additional data types and enumerations are defined in.snp\_types.h:

type name	type	description	(special) values
SNIP_TIME	uint32	simulated time elapsed, in ms	SNIP_TIME_UNKNOWN, SNIP_TIME_MAX
SNIP_BOOLEAN	enum	truth values	SNIP_TRUE, SNIP_FALSE
SNIP_STATE	enum	initialization state of the SNIP software	SNIP_UNDEFINED, SNIP_SET_UP,

## 4.3 INITIALIZATION

### 4.3.1 SNIP States

SNIP defines three states of operation: Undefined, Set Up, and Initiated.

The `snip_setup()`, `snip_init()`, and `snip_uninit()` routines transition the modules in the SNIP architecture between states. (Note that the installable modules--STDMS, SPDMs, ATDMs, ADMs, and NDMs--are not part of the architecture and are set up and initialized independently as needed.)

When a user application which is linked with SNIP first starts, all SNIP modules are in the Undefined state; data files have not been read, and dynamic memory has not been allocated.

At some point, the user application transitions SNIP from the Undefined state to the Set Up state. This is done by calling the `snip_setup()` routine. In the Set Up state, SNIP modules have read any needed parameter files and allocated any dynamic memory necessary to maintain the state of the modules. In this state, SNIP is 'between exercises'; it is not actively supporting any simulation.

SNIP must be transitioned to the Initiated state by calling the function `snip_init()` to support one or more simulation exercises. This is the state normally associated with an active simulation process.

When all supported exercises are complete, SNIP can be transitioned back to the Set Up state by calling `snip_uninit()`; all SIUs and other data created while in the Initiated state is released, though information read from parameter files is maintained.

### 4.3.2 Initializing Error, Parameter, and non-SNIP Modules

SNIP depends on several modules used as shared libraries which were developed at Loral Advance Distributed Simulation for previous non-SNIP programs. Two of these libraries need to be initialized before initializing the SNIP modules; this are the Reader Module and the Coordinates Module.

The Reader Module is initialized by calling:

```
#include "libreader.h"

char override_path = ".";
char default_path = "data:../data";

reader_init (0);
reader_set_search_paths (override_path, default_path);
```

The argument 0 to reader\_init() is a flag telling the module not to print messages and bells ('^G') in certain cases, since they are not used by SNIP.

The arguments to reader\_set\_search\_paths() are an override path and a default path. These paths are used by the Reader Module to search for the data or parameter file.

The override\_path specifies a `:' separated list of directories which may be searched before a passed directory. The defaults\_path specifies a `:' separated list of directories which may be searched after a passed directory.

The Reader Module is used by the Coordinates Module and the Parameter Module, so the Reader Module must be initialized first. Both of these Modules accept as an argument a path which may be searched after the override path(s) and before the default path(s). The coord\_init() call can be directed to use the override path, default path, or neither. The snip\_param\_read\_file() always uses the override path and default path.

The Coordinates Module is initialized by calling:

```
#include "libreader.h"
#include "libcoordinates.h"

char * path = ".";

switch ((int)coord_init (path, READER_OVERRIDE | READER_DEFAULTS))
{
    case READER_READ_OK:
        break;
    case READER_FILE_NOT_FOUND:
        fprintf (stderr, "could not find coord.rdr in dir %s\n", path);
        exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
        break;
    case READER_READ_ERROR:
        fprintf (stderr, "format error in coord.rdr in dir %s\n", path);
        exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
        break;
}
```

The coord\_init() routine always looks for a file named "coord.rdr".

Next a user application should initialize the Error Module. If the Error Module is not initialized, no information will be returned to the caller other than the SNIP\_RESULT (see the section on Error Handling for more information).

The Error Module allows the user to customize the error messages that are returned by SNIP. The actual text associated with each error recognized by SNIP is read from a data file. A default data file is provided with SNIP. (The file contents and defaults are specified in Appendix A.) The file is delivered in the data directory at the top of the release tree.

To start the Error Module with an error strings file called errors.rdr in a data directory below the current working directory (for now, we will ignore the SNIP\_RESULT returned):

```
#include "snp_error.h"

char *path =      "./data";
char *err_file = "errors.rdr";

if (snip_error_startup (path, err_file) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    fprintf (stderr, "Error text file %s/%s not found or invalid format\n",
            path, err_file);
}
```

Next the user application initializes the Parameter Module. This module is also optional; it allows the user to configure software limits, such as the number of entities, events, and SGAPs that will be supported. An example parameter file is delivered with SNIP in the data directory at the top of the release tree. If the Parameter Module is not initialized, the default for each parameterized value will be used. Default values for any parameter not specified in the parameter file are provided. In this case, a warning will also be generated each time a default value is used for a parameter. The parameter file contents and defaults are specified in Appendix B. The parameter initialization function is snip\_param\_read\_file(); it takes as arguments a string which indicates a directory path and a string which specifies the file name of the parameter file to use within that directory.

To tell SNIP to use a parameter file called foo.par in the current directory,

```
#include "snp_param.h"

SNIP_ERROR my_err_tree = NULL;

if (snip_param_read_file (".", "foo.par", & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

This call reads in the specified file and initializes the Parameter Module.

### 4.3.3 Set Up and Init

Now the SNIP architecture can be set up by calling:

```
#include.snp_snip.h

if (snip_setup(& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

At this point, all installable modules that will be used should also be set up. The names of these set up routines will be determined by the author of the installable modules. A notional STDM for card games and a notional protocol for conveying information about the game of Bridge might provide set up calls like:

```
#include "cards.h"
#include "pro_bridge.h"

if (cards_stdm_setup(& cards_ptr, & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
if (bridge_spdm_setup(& bridge_ptr, & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

An NDM for use with an ethernet 2.0 network might provide:

```
#include "enet2_0.h"
if (enet2_0_ndm_setup (& enet2_ptr, & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

Note that the set up calls for installable modules must return, as a parameter, a pointer to the set of functions and data that make up that module. The pointer returned by an STDM set up call is later used (along with an ATDM pointer, if one is set up) to create one or more SIU Manager channels. The pointer returned by an SPDM set up call is later used (along with an ADM pointer, if one is set up) to create one or more SGAP channels. Finally, any NDM pointer returned by an NDM set up call can be later installed in an existing SGAP channel, to be used as one of its communications media/network protocol suites. Any number of these installable modules may be set up.

SNIP is now ready to be transitioned to the Initiated state. This is done similarly to the set up (except that installable modules need not return any additional information to the user application).

#### **4.3.4 Opening an SIU Manager Channel**

Once SNIP is in the Init state, one or more SIU Manager channels may be opened. An SIU Manager channel is needed to do just about anything in SNIP above the Network Access layer. The SIU Manager is responsible for allocating, deallocating, duplicating, and storing SIUs.

The function `snip_siumgr_open()` is opens an SIU Manager channel. The function takes four arguments:

- an SNIP\_STDM (as returned from an STDM setup call like `cards_stdm_setup()`)
- a SNIP\_ATDM
- a pointer to a SNIP\_SIUMGR buffer to hold a returned descriptor
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR.

The SNIP\_STDM, SNIP\_ATDM, or both, may be NULL:

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"

SNIP_SIUMGR card_mgr;

if (snip_siumgr_open (cards_ptr, (SNIP_ATDM) NULL, & card_mgr, &my_err_tree)
    != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.3.5 Creating a Simulation Group Access Port (SGAP)**

To send and/or receive SIUs, at least one SGAP must be created. The SNIP function `snip_sgap_create_sgap()` is used. This function takes as arguments:

- a SNIP\_GROUP,
- a SNIP\_SPDM,
- a SNIP\_ADM,
- a SNIP\_SIUMGR (an open SIU Manager channel descriptor),

- a pointer to SPDM specific information if needed (or NULL),
- a pointer to ADM specific information if needed (or NULL),
- a pointer to a SNIP\_SGAP buffer to hold the returned SGAP identifier
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR.

The SPDM, the ADM, or both, may be NULL (if both are NULL, not much will happen):

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"

SNIP_GROUP group;
SNIP_SGAP sgap_id;

if (snip_sgap_create_sgap (group, /* SNIP_GROUP */
                           bridge_ptr, /* bridge SPDM */
                           (SNIP_ADM) NULL, /* No ADM in this case */
                           card_mngr, /* open SIU mgr channel */
                           (ADDRESS) NULL, /* no SPDM specific info */
                           (ADDRESS) NULL, /* no ADM specific info */
                           & sgap_id, /* use this to ID this SGAP */
                           & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.3.6 Installing a Network Dependent Module (NDM)**

The last initialization step that must be completed before any SIUs can be sent or received on a network is to associate at least one network tap with the Simulation Group Access Port. This is done by using the general configuration and control call of the SGAP, called snip\_sgap\_control() to specify one or more NDMs to be installed and initialized.

The SGAP control command for establishing network taps is SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_NTAP\_LIST. A special structure is defined for arguments to this command. It is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    ADDRESS spdm_info;
    ADDRESS ndm_info;
    SNIP_NDM ndm;
    char * device;
    SNIP_NTAP ntap_desc;
} SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST_ARGS;
```

The spdm\_info field is provided for passing SPDM-specific information to the installed SPDM; this is needed because it is possible that an SPDM might need some information about the NDM installed (for example, a SIMNET SPDM needs to communicate with an Association Layer NDM, because that is how SIMNET is defined). The ndm\_info field provides a way to pass NDM-specific information to the NDM being installed. The ndm\_info field is the pointer to the NDM structure returned by the NDM set up call, and the device is the device name that the NDM should use. At the end of the control call, the ntap\_desc field will contain a descriptor created for the network tap which can be used in subsequent calls for configuration and control.

To specify /dev/enet as the network device to be opened (and to associate the NDM with the SGAP created in the last two examples), the user application should do the following:

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"

SNIP_ERROR my_err_tree = NULL;
SNIP_SGAP sgap_id;
SNIP_SGAP_NTAP_SET_LIST_ARGS nt_args; /* we create an 'array' of size 1 */

nt_args.ndm = enet2_ptr;
nt_args.device = "/dev/enet";
if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id,
                      SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST,
                      (ADDRESS) & nt_args,
                      1, /* number of network taps to add */
                      & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
/* nt_args.ntap_desc can now be used in subsequent calls to
 * control the network tap, if needed
 */
```

#### 4.3.7 Uninit

If SNIP should discard all existing simulation state information and go back to the Set Up state, all modules within the architecture can be transitioned using the snip\_uninit() call. This will cause all SNIP modules to close any SGAP or SIU Manager channels that have been created, and delete all SIUs in the database. Installable modules must provide their own uninit() routines. In the following example, SNIP is returned to the set up state from the Initiated state established in the previous example:

```
if (bridge_spdm_uninit (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
if (enet2_0_ndm_uninit (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
if (cards_stdm_uninit (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}

if (snip_uninit (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### 4.3.8 Putting It All Together

For the notional distributed bridge game simulation, then, the entire initialization sequence might look like:

```
#include "snp_error.h"
#include "snp_param.h"
#include "snp_snip.h"
#include "snp_siumpgr.h"
#include "snp_sgap.h"
#include "cards.h"
#include "pro_bridge.h"
#include "enet2_0.h"

bridge ()
{
    SNIP_STDM cards_ptr;
    SNIP_SPDM bridge_ptr;
    SNIP_NDM enet2_ptr;
    SNIP_SIUMGR card_mgr;
    SNIP_GROUP group;
    SNIP_SGAP sgap_id;
    SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST_ARGS nt_args;
    char * path      = "./data",
          * err_file  = "errors.rdr",
          * coord_file = "coord.rdr";
    SNIP_ERROR my_err_tree = NULL;
```

```
/*
 * Initialize base software used by SNIP
 */
reader_init (0);           /* ERROR and PARAM use this */
coord_init (path, coord_file); /* This is needed for FORMAT */
/*
 * Start the ERROR module
 */
if (snip_error_startup (path, err_file) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    fprintf (stderr,
        "Error text file %s/%s not found or invalid format\n",
        path, err_file);
}
```

```
/*
 * Bring in parameterized values from bridge.par file
 */
if (snip_param_read_file (".", "bridge.par", & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
/*
 * SET UP the SNIP architecture
 */
if (snip_setup (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
/*
 * Do the installable module SET UPS
 */
if (cards_stdm_setup (& cards_ptr, & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
if (bridge_spdm_setup (& bridge_ptr, & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
if (enet2_0_ndm_setup (& enet2_ptr, & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}

/*
 * INIT the SNIP architecture
 */
if (snip_init (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
```

```
/*
 *  Do the installable module INITs
 */
if (cards_stdm_init (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
if (enet2_0_ndm_init (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
if (bridge_spdm_init (& my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
/*
 *  Open an SIU Manager Channel
 */
if (snip_siumgr_open (cards_ptr, (SNIP_ATDM) NULL, & card_mgr,
    my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
/*
 *  Create a Simulation Group Access Port
 */
```

```
if (snip_sgap_create_sgap (group,          /* SNIP_GROUP          */
                           bridge_ptr,      /* ptr to bridge SPDM */
                           (SNIP_ADM) NULL, /* No ADM in this case */
                           card_mgr,        /* open SIU mgr channel */
                           (ADDRESS) NULL,   /* no SPDM specific info*/
                           (ADDRESS) NULL,   /* no ADM specific info */
                           & sgap_id,        /* use this to ID this SGAP */
                           & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
/*
 *  Install the Ethernet 2.0 NDM
 */
nt_args.ndm = enet2_ptr;
nt_args.device = "/dev/enet";
if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id,
                       SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST,
                       (ADDRESS) & nt_args,
                       1, /* number of network taps to add */
                       & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stdout);
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (& my_err_tree);
}
}
```

## 4.4 SIU CONSTRUCTION

Simulation Interface Units (SIUs) were designed with several (at times conflicting) goals. Some of these are, to:

- provide a data representation of events and entities that makes full use of available data structures and is not limited to those data structures that can be sent on a network in a PDU
- avoid simulation protocol dependencies
- make it easy to change the type of distributed simulation being supported by minimizing compile time dependencies on this data
- store different formats of the same data simultaneously, so that format conversions need not be re-done unnecessarily
- keep the amount of memory needed to store an SIU to a reasonable amount
- make the SIUs as easy to use as possible

Simulation information is categorized by SNIP as being generic, simulation-type-specific, or application-type-specific. This section describes how the generic portion of an SIU is used. Simulation Type Dependent SIU types and layouts are described in the appendices for each STDM that has been included in the SNIP distribution.

A SNIP\_SIU is defined as:

```
typedef struct snip_siу
{
    SNIP_SIУ_TYPE           siу_type;
    SNIP_SIУ_CLASS          class;
    SNIP_SIУ_ORIGIN         origin;

    SNIP_SIУMGR             siумgr_id;
    SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES  location;
    SNIP_TIME                timestamp;
    SNIP_COMMON_INFO          common;

    ADDRESS                 sim_specific_ptr;
    ADDRESS                 app_specific_ptr;

} SNIP_SIУ;
```

Each field is explained in the following sections.

#### **4.4.1 SIU Type**

Every SIU has a type. SIU types are a composite of 3 kinds of information:

- the domain of the SIU type
- the existence kind (entity or event)
- a subtype within the domain and existence.

The domain of the SIU type can be categorized further as:

- generic
- application-type-specific
- simulation-type-specific

The type SNIP\_SIU\_TYPE is used to convey this type information. It is an unsigned, 32 bit integer. The three highest order bits contain the domain. The next two bits contain the existence kind information. The 27 low order bits contain the type within domain and existence.

Normally, the user application does not need to be concerned with this layout. Macros are defined to specify each SIU type, and can be specified or tested against directly. For example,.snp\_siumgr.h defines

```
#define SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_COLLISION \
(SNIP_SIU_GENERIC | SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND_EVENT | 0x3 )
```

Hence, the following C code is legal:

```
switch (siu->siu_type)
{
  case SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_COLLISION:

    /* process collision event... */
    break;

  /* etc. */
}
```

If the user application does want to branch on an SIU's domain or existence kind, it can. The macros for bit-wise operations on SIU types are described in the section on Macros with Global Scope.

SIUs are created by request to the SIU Manager, which takes the SIU type as an argument. The SIU Manager fills in the siu\_type field in the returned SIU, so the user application does not ever need to fill in this field.

#### 4.4.2 SIU Class

SIUs within a given SIU type can be further classified; SNIP provides the following 64 bit structure for classifying SIUs:

```
typedef union
{
    struct
    {
        uint32 first;
        uint32 second;
    } compare;

    struct
    {
        uint8  environment;
        uint8  category;
        uint16 country;
        uint8  sub_category;
        uint8  specific;
        uint8  extra;
        uint8  ancillary;
    } field;
} SNIP_SIU_CLASS;
```

One possible classification for a lifeform SIU type might be:

environment	- ground
category	- plant
country	- irrelevant
sub_category	- tree
specific	- spruce
extra	- blue

The STDM installed determines how the fields are actually interpreted. The type is constructed as a union of seven fields and two comparison fields to allow an STDM to define macros which allow for easier comparisons. For example, in the case above, the STDM could define (assuming IS\_GROUND, IS\_PLANT, IS\_TREE, IS\_SPRUCE, and IS\_BLUE are already appropriately defined):

```
#define IS_A_TREE          (IS_GROUND | IS_PLANT | IS_TREE)
#define IS_A_BLUE_SPRUCE  (IS_SPRUCE | IS_BLUE)

switch (siu->class.compare.first)
{
case IS_A_TREE:

    switch (siu->class.compare.second)
    {

case IS_A_BLUE_SPRUCE:

    /* process a blue spruce */
    break;

case IS_A_SUGAR_MAPLE:
    /* etc. */
}
}
}
```

If this is the only type of SIU of interest, the STDM could simply define:

```
if (siu->class.compare.first == IS_A_TREE &&
    siu->class.compare.second == IS_A_BLUE_SPRUCE)
{
    /* process a blue spruce */
}
```

When an SIU is created, the SIU Manager always initializes all of these fields to 0.

SNIP defines a number of macros to make SIUs a little easier to use. One such macro is SNIP\_SET\_SIU\_CLASS (siu, a, b). This macro allows the following:

```
siu->class.compare.first = IS_A_TREE;
siu->class.compare.second = IS_A_BLUE_SPRUCE;
```

to be abbreviated as

```
SNIP_SET_SIU_CLASS (siu, IS_A_TREE, IS_A_BLUE_SPRUCE);
```

#### 4.4.3 Origin

SIUs are created either by the user application or SNIP. SIUs created by the user application hold information about locally simulated entities and events. SIUs created by SNIP represent information about entities or events that are remote (not simulated within the user application).

The SNIP\_SIU\_ORIGIN type is an enumeration defined as

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_SIU_ORIGIN_LOCAL = 0,
    SNIP_SIU_ORIGIN_REMOTE
} SNIP_SIU_ORIGIN;
```

#### **4.4.4 SIU Manager ID**

The siumgr\_id provides a link for SNIP as to which STDM was used to create an SIU. It also identifies the database in which an SIU is stored (if it has been placed in a database at all). This ID is filled in by the SIU Manager when the SIU create request is made. The user application does not need to fill in this field.

#### **4.4.5 Location**

Every SIU has a specific location in the simulated world. The location field has type SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATES, which are documented in the section about the Data Format Information. If the SIU represents an entity, then the location is the center of mass of the entity in whatever world coordinate system(s) are provided. If the SIU represents an event, then the field describes in world coordinates where the event occurred.

#### **4.4.6 Timestamp**

For entities this is the time in milliseconds of last update of entity information. For local entities this is set by the user application each time the entity state is changed. For remote entities this is set when the SIU is received from the network, and is reset on entity approximation.

For events this is the time that the event occurred.

#### **4.4.7 Common**

The common field is a union which specifies either information that is common either to all entities, but not events, or to all events, but not entities. It is defined as:

```
typedef union
{
    SNIP_COMMON_ENTITY_INFO entity;
    SNIP_COMMON_EVENT_INFO event;
} SNIP_COMMON_INFO;
```

The existence kind portion of the SIU type is the discriminator for this union.

#### 4.4.7.1 Entity

When the SIU type has existence kind 'entity', the common field refers to the following structure:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID           entity_id;
    SNIP_DR_ALG           dr_alg;
    SNIP_GENERIC_APPEARANCE appearance;
    SNIP_GENERIC_CAPABILITIES capabilities;
    SNIP_3D_ROTATE         orientation;
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES angular_velocity;
    SNIP_DUAL_COORDINATES velocity;
    SNIP_DUAL_COORDINATES acceleration;
    SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD  * art_parts;
    NATIVE_INT              art_part_count;
    SNIP_BOOLEAN             art_part_dr_needed;
} SNIP_COMMON_ENTITY_INFO;
```

The entity\_id is an integer that uniquely identifies the simulated entity represented by the SIU within a given SNIP process.

The dr\_alg field specifies the dead reckoning algorithm being used to do entity approximation.

The appearance field is a 32 bit wide bit-field that represents generic appearance information about the entity. The only generic appearance attribute currently defined is SNIP\_ENTITY\_DESTROYED. Of course, there may be simulation-type-specific appearance attributes defined within a given STDM.

The capabilities field is a 32 bit wide bit-field that represents generic entity capabilities. The generic capabilities defined by SNIP are SNIP\_REPAIR and SNIP\_TOW, which indicate the capability of one entity to effect repairs on other entities and of one entity to tow other entities, respectively.

The orientation field specifies the orientation of the entity with respect to the world. Orientation has type SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE. Each orientation provided specifies the rotations needed to go from some world coordinate system to some body coordinate system for the entity represented.

The angular velocity field has type SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES. This 3-vector specifies the rate of rotation around the axes of some body coordinate system in radians per second.

The velocity field has type SNIP\_DUAL\_COORDINATES and may contain SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATE or SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATE information, or both.

It represents the rate of change in position in the specified system, in that system's base unit per second (meters per second or feet per second).

The acceleration field has type SNIP\_DUAL\_COORDINATES and may contain SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATE or SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATE information, or both. It represents the rate of change in velocity in the specified system, in that system's base unit per second (meters per second per second or feet per second per second).

The art\_parts field is a pointer to a tree structure of parts which are attached to the base entity or otherwise move independently of the base.

The art\_part\_count field provides an indication of the number of articulated parts in the articulated parts tree pointed to by the previous field. It is the responsibility of any module that attaches or detaches articulated parts to increment or decrement this field; the SIU Manager does not have access to this field when either of these operations is done.

The art\_part\_dr\_needed field indicates if any articulated part needs dead reckoning. It should be set to SNIP\_TRUE if any articulated [Bpart needs dead reckoning. It should be set to SNIP\_FALSE if no articulated part needs dead reckoning.

#### 4.4.7.2 event

When the SIU type has existence kind 'event', the common field refers to the following structure:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID          event_id;
    SNIP_SIU_ID          causal_event_id; /* related event that preceded
                                              (caused) this event */
    SNIP_SIU_ID          initiating_entity;
    SNIP_SIU_ID          affected_entity;

    SNIP_EVENT_SPECIFIC event_specific;

} SNIP_COMMON_EVENT_INFO;
```

The event\_id is an integer that uniquely identifies the simulated event represented by the SIU within a given SNIP process.

The causal\_event\_id is the SNIP event ID of some previous event that is considered the cause of the event represented in the current SIU. If no such causal event exists, this field is set to SNIP\_ID\_IRRELEVANT.

The initiating\_entity field is the SNIP entity ID of some simulated entity that has initiated this event. If the event has no initiator (within the simulation) this field is set to SNIP\_ID\_IRRELEVANT.

The affected\_entity field in the SNIP entity ID of some simulated entity that is intended to be affected by the event. If no single entity is intended to be the affected entity, this field is set to SNIP\_ID\_IRRELEVANT.

There are three generic events defined in SNIP. These are entity entry, entity exit, and collision.

No data other then what is already in the SNIP\_COMMON\_INFO structure is needed for an entity entry event; the initiating\_entity and affected\_entity fields are both set the entity ID of the entering entity. That entity ID can be used to get an entity SIU from the SIU Manager's database.

Entity exit and collision events both define additional data structures. This data is contained in the event\_specific union of the SNIP\_COMMON\_INFO structure.

The entity exit event uses the data structure:

```
typedef struct
{
    struct snip_siu *siu;
    SNIP_EXIT_REASON reason;

} SNIP_ENTITY_EXIT_EVENT;
```

This event occurs when SNIP detects or is informed about the departure of a remote entity. The siu field in the SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT structure points to the last SIU received for that entity; the reason field is an enumeration specifying the reason that the entity has exited. The values of this enumeration are:

```
SNIP_EXIT_REASON_DEACTIVATED
SNIP_EXIT_REASON_TIMED_OUT
SNIP_EXIT_REASON_OTHER
```

A shortcut macro is provided for accessing the fields of an exit event. The macro SNIP\_ACCESS\_EXIT() allows, for example,

```
siu->common.event.event_specific.exit.reason
```

to be abbreviated as

```
SNIP_ACCESS_EXIT(siu)->reason
```

The collision event uses the data structure

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES    location;
    SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES   velocity;
    SNIP_MEASUREMENT         mass;

} SNIP_COLLISION_EVENT;
```

A collision event indicates that two entities in the simulated world have collided. The location field specifies the point of impact on the affected entity, in the affected entities own coordinate system. The velocity field specifies the velocity of the initiating entity (the entity that issues this SIU). The mass field contains the mass of the initiating entity. If the mass is not known, this field will contain 0.0.

The macro SNIP\_ACCESS\_COLLISION() is provided to simplify access to the SNIP\_COLLISION\_EVENT structure within an SIU. For example:

```
siu->common.event.event_specific.collision.location
```

can be shortened to:

```
SNIP_ACCESS_COLLISION(siu)->location
```

#### 4.4.8 Simulation-Specific and Application-Specific Pointers

The last two fields in the SIU are sim\_specific\_ptr and the app\_specific\_ptr. When an SIU is allocated, the installed STDM is invoked to allocate, if needed, a simulation-specific structure for the SIU of the specified SIU type. The STDM determines what, if anything, the sim\_specific\_ptr points to.

Similarly, the ATDM is invoked when an SIU is created. The app\_specific\_ptr will point to an application-specific data structure allocated by this module.

Because the SIU type is provided to these two installable modules, it is possible for each to allocate space for any information not accommodated by the generic SIU structures. It is also possible to SIU types that are recognized only by the STDM, or only by the ADM; hence, SNIP is completely extensible with regard to SIUs represented.

#### 4.4.9 Articulated Parts

SNIP provides a mechanism for representing entities which have one or more discrete parts attached to a base. SNIP calls these articulated parts. The following structure is declared in SNIP to store an articulated part:

```
typedef struct art_part_record
{
    /* Information about the part */
    SNIP_ART_PART_NUMBER      part_number;
    SNIP_SIU_CLASS            part_class;
    SNIP_ARTICULATION_TYPES   articulation_map;
    SNIP_ARTICULATION_STATE   part_state;

    /* Information about the part's relationship with other parts */
    struct art_part_record *  parent;
    struct art_part_record *  sibling;
    struct art_part_record *  back_sibling;
    struct art_part_record *  child;
    struct snip_siu           * base;

    /* simulation-specific and application-specific information */
    ADDRESS                  sim_specific_ptr;
    ADDRESS                  app_specific_ptr;
} SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD;
```

The meaning and use of each field is outlined below.

#### 4.4.9.1 Part Class

The part class field is used to identify the type of part that is being modelled. SNIP uses the SNIP\_SIU\_CLASS type. As with the classification of SIUs, the actual class definitions are simulation-specific and/or application-specific.

#### 4.4.9.2 Part Number

Each articulated part within a given part class is given a unique number. For example, if an entity with four separately articulable wheels were modelled, these would have part numbers one through four of part class XXX. If the entity also had a single articulable steering wheel, this part would bear part number one of part class YYY. Therefore, the part number and the part class together uniquely identify the part.

For the remainder of this section on articulated parts, an example describing a weapon mount on the left wing of a jet, on which a SPARROW missile may be placed, is used. The mount may rotate on both its YAW and PITCH axes. The existence of a Simulation Type Dependent Module (STDM) called COMBAT is assumed.

```
SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD *art_part;

art_part->part_number = 1; /* first mount on the left wing */
art_part->part_class = COMBAT_STDM_LEFT_WING_MOUNT;
```

#### 4.4.9.3 Articulation Map

The articulation map is a bit-field that indicates the type of motion a part may have. It therefore also determines which fields in the part\_state structure contain valid information. Any combination of the motion types are allowed by SNIP although not all combinations will make sense. The complete list of motion types can be found in the section on SNIP\_ARTICULATION\_TYPES. The relationship between each type and the fields in the part\_state structure are outlined in the section on Articulation State. Adding to the example describing a weapon mount above, we can indicate a part that can both be detached and can rotate about its YAW axis with:

```
art_part->articulation_map = SNIP_ART_TYPE_STATION &
    SNIP_ART_TYPE_ROTATE_YAW & SNIP_ART_TYPE_ROTATE_PITCH;
```

#### 4.4.9.4 Articulation State

The current state of a given articulated part is described by a SNIP\_ARTICULATION\_STATE structure. If the part is detachable, it provides information about where the part is attached and the type of entity it will be if/when it does detach. If the part can move with respect to whatever it is attached to, the current parameters of motion are contained in this structure:

```
typedef struct
{
    struct
    {
        struct
        {
            SNIP_SIU_TYPE           siu_type;
            SNIP_SIU_CLASS          entity_class;
            SNIP_BOOLEAN            attached;
        } detachable;

        struct
        {
            SNIP_BOOLEAN            dr_needed;
            SNIP_PROPORIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE fixed_path;
            SNIP_PROPORIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE extension;
            SNIP_LINEAR_KINEMATIC_STATE   position;
            SNIP_ROTATIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE rotate_state;
        } moveable;
    } motion;
} SNIP_ARTICULATION_STATE;
```

#### Articulation Part Attachment

The first sub-structure, motion.detachable, is used if the part is detachable. If it is, then the articulation\_map field (see the section on the Articulation Map) will have the bit

SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_STATION set. The structure contains fields for the siu\_type and entity\_class of the part itself. This entity class should not be confused with the part class. As we see in our continuing example, the part class describes a left wing mount; the entity class describes a sparrow missile. The attached field is a SNIP\_BOOLEAN that indicates whether the part is currently attached.

```
art_part->motion.detachable.siu_type = COMBAT_STDM_SIU_TYPE_MISSILE;
art_part->motion.detachable.entity_class = COMBAT_STDM_MISSILE_SPARROW;
art_part->motion.detachable.attached = SNIP_FALSE;
```

### Articulation Part Motion

If any of the other bits in the articulation map are on, they indicate that the part is moveable. Since the part may move, it may be desirable to apply positional or rotational approximation methods on these parts. If a part's location or rotation should be dead reckoned based on the current velocity of the part, a flag is set to indicate to SNIP that this should be done. To simplify accessing this flag, an access macro is provided. For example, to indicate that an articulated part's motion should not be approximated, do:

```
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_DR_FLAG(art_part) = SNIP_FALSE;
```

SNIP supports several types of motion; motion along a fixed path, extension, linear motion along any and/or all of the parts three axes, and rotation around any and/or all of the parts three axes.

### Fixed Path and Extendible Articulated Parts

Motion along a fixed path and extension are measured as a percentage. The rate of motion is measured in percentage/second. The SNIP structure to describe the current position and velocity of fixed path and extendible parts is SNIP\_PROPORIONAL\_KINEMATIC\_STATE. It is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    float64    placement;
    float64    linear_speed;
} SNIP_PROPORIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE;
```

There are fields of this type in the articulation state structure for fixed path and for extendible motion called fixed\_path and extension, respectively. Access macros are provided to simplify access to these fields. They are:

```
/* To access fixed path part fields */
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_FPATH_PLACEMENT(art_part)
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_FPATH_SPEED(art_part)
```

```
/* To access extendible part fields */
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_EXT_PLACEMENT(art_part)
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_EXT_SPEED(art_part)
```

The fields of the fixed\_path structure should be valid if the articulation map bit SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_FIXED\_PATH is set.

The fields of the extension structure should be valid if the articulation map bit SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_EXTENSION is set.

### Articulated Parts with Linear Motion

Articulated parts with motion along any and or all of its three axes may represent that motion using the articulation state sub-field called position. This field has type SNIP\_LINEAR\_KINEMATIC\_STATE, and provides a pointer to a SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES structure to represent the parts position with respect to its own coordinate system, and a pointer to a SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES structure to represent its rate of motion within that system. It is defined as

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES *location;
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES *velocity;
} SNIP_LINEAR_KINEMATIC_STATE;
```

If any of the articulation map bits SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_LINEAR\_X, SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_LINEAR\_Y, or SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_LINEAR\_Z are set, the values in the position field should be valid. Note that the 3 separate bits are used to allow the user application and SNIP to avoid floating point comparisons to 0, particularly in the case where positional approximation is done.

Access macros have been defined to use these fields. They are:

```
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_POS_LOCATION(art_part)
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_POS_VELOCITY(art_part) \
```

### Articulated Parts with Rotational Motion

Articulated parts with motion around any and or all of its three axes may represent that motion using the articulation state sub-field called rotate\_state. This field has type SNIP\_ROTATIONAL\_KINEMATIC\_STATE, and provides a pointer to a SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE structure to represent the rotations needed to transform the part's coordinate system to its current orientation and a pointer to another SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE structure to represent the rate at which that rotation is changing. (See the section on World Coordinate to Body Coordinate System Transformations for details on the use of the SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE structure.) The SNIP\_ROTATIONAL\_KINEMATIC\_STATE is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_3D_ROTATE          * rotation;
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES   * angular_velocity;
} SNIP_ROTATIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE;
```

If any of the articulation map bits SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_ROTATE\_YAW, SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_ROTATE\_PITCH, or SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_ROTATE\_ROLL are set, the rotate\_state values should be valid.

The example of a pivoting missile mount that has been used throughout this section indicated that rotation in both the pitch and yaw axes was possible. Access macros are provided to access the rotation and angular\_speed fields; here, a yaw and pitch are provided using Euler angles in a ZYX - Z Down system:

```
/* Set rotation of 0.78 radians of yaw and 0.13 radians of pitch */

SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ROTATION(art_part)->valid_format_map =
    SNIP_VALID_EULER_ZYX_Z_DOWN;

SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ROTATION(art_part)->
    euler_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.reference_is_world_coords =
    SNIP_FALSE

SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ROTATION(art_part)->
    euler_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.u.body.z_up = SNIP_FALSE;

SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ROTATION(art_part)->
    euler_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.u.body.zyx = SNIP_TRUE;

SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ROTATION(art_part)->euler_zyx_z_down.angle->psi = 0.78;
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ROTATION(art_part)->euler_zyx_z_down.angle->theta = 0.13;
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ROTATION(art_part)->euler_zyx_z_down.angle->phi = 0.0;

/* Set angular velocity to [0 0 0] */

SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ANG_SPEED(art_part)->valid_format_map =
    SNIP_VALID_ZYX_Z_DOWN_METRIC;

SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ANG_VELOCITY(art_part)->zyx_z_down_metric[0] = 0.0;
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ANG_VELOCITY(art_part)->zyx_z_down_metric[1] = 0.0;
SNIP_ACCESS_AP_ANG_VELOCITY(art_part)->zyx_z_down_metric[2] = 0.0;
```

#### **4.4.9.5 Parent, Child, Sibling, and Back-sibling**

The parent, child, and sibling pointers are used to organize the articulated parts into a tree structure. An additional pointer, back\_sibling, is used by SNIP to simplify tree traversal.

The user application does not usually need to concern itself with setting these pointers; they are maintained internally within SNIP. If the parent pointer is NULL, then the art part is attached directly to the SIU base.

#### **4.4.9.6 Base**

This is the base SIU that the art part tree is attached to.

#### **4.4.9.7 Simulation-specific and Application-specific Pointers**

These pointers allow simulation-specific and/or application-specific information to be associated with an articulated part. Installed Simulation Type Dependent Modules and Application Type Dependent Modules may provide allocators which are called each time an articulated part is created. If such allocators exist, the memory that they allocate will be pointed to by these two pointers.

## 4.5 DATA FORMATS

In SNIP, world coordinates, body coordinates, world-to-body transformations, and physical measurements can be represented in several systems and formats simultaneously. The Format Module is responsible for defining the data structures, allocation / deallocation functions, and conversion functions to support these various systems.

### 4.5.1 Data Format Indicators

SNIP provides a general method for the user application to indicate which data formats it wishes to receive information in, to allocate space for, or provide as input for conversion. Such a specification is called a Data Format Indicator (DFI). The data structure used to convey an DFI is called a SNIP\_DATA\_FORMAT. It is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_MEAS_SYSTEM          meas_sys;
    SNIP_ROTATE_SYSTEM         rotate_sys;
    SNIP_WORLD_COORD_SYSTEM   reference_world_sys;
    SNIP_BODY_COORD_SYSTEM    reference_body_sys;
    SNIP_BODY_COORD_SYSTEM    target_body_sys;
    SNIP_BOOLEAN               dual_is_world_coords;
} SNIP_DATA_FORMAT;
```

SNIP\_MEAS\_SYSTEM indicates the measurement system (English or Metric) both physical measurements and coordinate systems should use. Note that the Geocentric Cartesian Coordinate System and the Universal Transverse Mercator System are already defined to be metric. When these formats are used, the SNIP\_MEAS\_SYSTEM field parameters are ignored.

SNIP\_ROTATE\_SYSTEM indicates the system to use for specification of world-to-body rotational transformations. See the section on World Coordinate to Body Coordinate System Transformations for more details.

The SNIP\_WORLD\_COORD\_SYSTEM is used to specify the world coordinate system desired. It is defined as:

```

typedef struct
{
    SNIP_COORD_SYSTEM    system;
    union
    {
        SNIP_TCC_ID        tcc_id;
        SNIP_LEVEL_ID      level_id;
        SNIP_BOOLEAN       lation_local_datum;
        SNIP_BOOLEAN       utm_override;
    } sys_info;
} SNIP_WORLD_COORD_SYSTEM;

```

SNIP\_COORD\_SYSTEM indicates the system type. The sys\_info variant, with system as its discriminant, provides further information needed depending on the world coordinate system chosen. See the section on World Coordinates for more information about world coordinate systems.

The SNIP\_BODY\_COORD\_SYSTEM is to be used when indicating the base system for a rotational transformation, when the parent system is actually an entity or entity articulated part. The two SNIP\_BOOLEANS, body\_sys.z\_up and body\_sys.zyx combined indicate the body coordinate system used. Unless the user is sophisticated in the mysterious art of coordinate and rotational transformations, the reference\_body\_sys and target\_body\_sys should be set up the same. SNIP needs these two fields while doing complex transformations between rotations based on dissimilar coordinate systems. The typical user application will keep these fields the same.

The SNIP\_BOOLEAN field dual\_is\_world\_coords is used when fields such as velocity or acceleration may be represented in either body or world coordinates.

Often, a single DFI may describe all the formats necessary for a given simulation; it can be created once, and used as needed. An example is a simulation that uses a Topocentric Coordinate System, using the Metric System, Euler Angles to specify World-to-body transformations, and a body coordinate system with yaw/pitch/roll axes defined as Z/Y/X, and Z pointing down. The following DFI would be created, and used to communicate format information with SNIP:

```

#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_DATA_FORMAT appl_system;
SNIP_TCC_ID my_tcc_id;

/* Specify Measurement System */
appl_system.meas_sys = SNIP_MS_METRIC;

/* Specify World to Body Rotational Transformations System */
appl_system.rotate_sys = SNIP_RS_EULER;

```

```
/* Specify World Coordinate System */
appl_system.reference_world_sys.system = SNIP_CS_TCC;
appl_system.reference_world_sys.sys_info.tcc_id = my_tcc_id;
    /* see section on Topocentric Cartesian Coordinates for
       information on creating a TCC ID */

/* Specify Body Coordinate System */
appl_system.reference_body_sys.z_up = SNIP_FALSE;
appl_system.reference_body_sys.zyx = SNIP_TRUE;
appl_system.target_body_sys.z_up = SNIP_FALSE;
appl_system.target_body_sys.zyx = SNIP_TRUE;

/* Choose a system for dual coordinates */
appl_system.dual_is_world_coords = SNIP_TRUE;
```

#### **4.5.2 Valid Format Map**

Since each data type can have several different representations, it is important to know which formats are valid at a given time. Each defined Format Module data structure has a field called `valid_format_map`. This field is a 32 bit wide bit-field. Macro constants are provided for each format type within a given data type. If this bit is on, then the format is currently valid; otherwise it is not. For example, the `SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES` data structure is accompanied by a set of macros constants which includes `SNIP_VALID_GCC`. The construct

```
coord->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_GCC;
```

would indicate that the world coordinates represented by `coord` now contain only a valid GCC representation. Other possible operations include:

```
coord->valid_format_map |= SNIP_VALID_GCC; /* add a valid GCC */
coord->valid_format_map &= ~SNIP_VALID_GCC; /* invalidate GCC only */
coord->valid_format_map = 0; /* invalidate everything */
```

When the user application requests information from SNIP in a given data format, then the valid format flag will not need to be checked.

When the user application is creating or updating formatted information, it is necessary to set valid flags. Since changing a value in one format invalidates all values in the other formats, the typical operation is to set the `valid_format_map` flag to the single bit for the format updated, as in the first example.

#### **4.5.3 Allocated Format Map**

For three of the four Format Module data structures, `SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES`, `SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES`, and `SNIP_3D_ROTATE`, the actual data representation requires enough memory to make it worthwhile to dynamically allocate these parts of the

structures as needed. As a result, these three data structures are composed primarily of pointers that, when valid, point to a specified data format. To keep track of which pointers do in fact point to valid memory locations, these three structures provide a field called the allocated\_format\_map. It is a 32 bit wide bit-field, and uses the same defined constants as the valid\_format\_map field to indicate which data pointers point to allocated memory.

Under normal operation, SNIP manages these flags for the user application. The flags may be tested before access to these fields, if defensive programming is desired. For example:

```
if (coord->allocated_format_map & SNIP_VALID_GCC)
{
    /* Journey to the center of the earth... */
    coord->gcc[0] = 0.0;
    coord->gcc[1] = 0.0;
    coord->gcc[2] = 0.0;
}
```

#### 4.5.4 World Coordinates

World Coordinates describe the location of some event or entity with respect to some coordinate system. All of the SNIP coordinate systems are in some way defined with respect to the earth (although GCC could be used for ANY Cartesian system). SNIP currently supports 4 such systems, with the variations indicated:

- Geocentric Cartesian Coordinates (GCC) (WGS84 based)
- Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) (Northing/Easting/Z or MILGRID, default zone or user-specified zone)
- Topocentric Cartesian Coordinates (TCC) (curved or flat earth, English or metric)
- Latitude/Longitude/Z (local datum or WGS84 based, Z English or metric)

SNIP allows SIUs to be sent or received using any of the systems above or their variations. It also provides routines for converting from any one system to any other system. The structure used to store the various representations of a world coordinate, SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATES, is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_VALID_WORLD_COORDINATES           valid_format_map;
    SNIP_VALID_WORLD_COORDINATES           allocated_format_map;
```

```
SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR  gcc;
SNIP_TCC_ID          tcc_metric_id;
SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR  tcc_metric;
SNIP_TCC_ID          tcc_english_id;
SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR  tcc_english;
SNIP_LEVEL_ID         level_metric_id;
SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR  level_metric;
SNIP_LEVEL_ID         level_english_id;
SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR  level_english;
SNIP_LATLON *          latlon_wgs84_metric;
SNIP_LATLON *          latlon_wgs84_english;
SNIP_LATLON *          latlon_local_datum_metric;
SNIP_LATLON *          latlon_local_datum_english;
SNIP_UTM_NE *          utm_ne;
SNIP_UTM_NE *          utm_ne_override;
SNIP_MILGRID *         milgrid;
SNIP_MILGRID *         milgrid_override;

} SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES;
```

The `valid_format_map` and `allocated_format_map` fields have already been discussed; the remaining fields are explained in the following sections.

For more details on the specification and use of world coordinate systems, see "DMA TM 8358.1 -- Datums, Ellipsoids, Grids, and Grid Reference Systems -- Preliminary Edition."

#### 4.5.4.1 Geocentric Cartesian Coordinates

The Geocentric Cartesian Coordinate System (GCC) is a right-handed 3D system with the origin at the center of the earth, as defined by the 1984 World Geodetic System (WGS84). The X-axis extends through the Prime Meridian at the Equator; the Y-axis extends through 90 degrees east at the Equator; and the Z axis extends through the North Pole. By definition, distances along each axis are measured in meters. SNIP allocates an array of 3 IEEE double precision floating point numbers to store a point in a GCC system. These are pointed by `SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR`, defined as

```
typedef float64 * SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR;
```

For example, to set the location field of an SIU in GCC format,

```
#include "snp_format.h"

#define X 0
#define Y 1
#define Z 2

SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES *location;
```

```
/* Somewhere near Ft. Knox, Kentucky (and 500 m above the ground) */

location->gcc[X] = 319499.0;
location->gcc[Y] = -5038953.0;
location->gcc[Z] = 3885385.0;

location->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_GCC;
```

#### 4.5.4.2 Universal Transverse Mercator

In the Universal Transverse Mercator projection coordinates system (UTM), the earth is sliced into 6 degree wide sections (called zones), and the terrain in each is flattened out by projection onto a cylinder. A location on a slice is identified with a northing, which indicates distance from the equator in meters, and an easting, which indicates distance from the center of the zone, arbitrarily given an easting of 500,000.

Normally, locations are specified in the zone where they fall on the UTM grid system. However, when crossing grid zones, it is sometimes desirable to specify a location in a previous zone. SNIP allows the user to specify, and to store independently, a location specified using the default zone or using a zone indicated by the user application.

##### UTM Northing/Easting/Z

The simplest way to specify a location in UTM coordinates to SNIP is to indicate the zone, northing, easting, and Z. To represent this system, SNIP defines the SNIP\_UTM\_NE data structure as:

```
typedef struct
{
    int32          zone;
    float64        northing;
    float64        easting;
    float64        z;
} SNIP_UTM_NE;
```

In the example below, the same Ft. Knox, KY location used in the example for GCC is specified using its default zone:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES *location;

/* Somewhere near Ft. Knox, Kentucky (and 500 m above the ground) */
```

```
location->utm_ne_override->zone = 16;
location->utm_ne_override->northing = 4179962.;
location->utm_ne_override->easting = 555315.;
location->utm_ne_override->z = 818.;

location->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_UTM_NE_OVERRIDE;
```

## UTM MILGRID

Another form of UTM is MILGRID coordinates. This is a shorthand notation expressing a UTM northing and easting in terms of a map sheet, and an offset into that map sheet. The offset is indicated as a two letter designation plus a number of digits determined by the resolution. The first half of the digit string is an east offset; The second half is a north offset. The resolution indicates how many digits there are in one direction. Hence, a resolution of 5 will produce 5 east digits plus 5 north digits. A 5 digit offset has a resolution of meters; 4 digits, 10 meters; 3 digits, 100 meters; etc. SNIP defines the data structure **SNIP\_MILGRID** to store data in this system:

```
#define SNIP_MAX_MILGRID_STRING_LENGTH 80
typedef struct snip_milgrid {
    int32          zone;
    int32          resolution;
    char           string[SNIP_MAX_MILGRID_STRING_LENGTH];
    float64        z; } SNIP_MILGRID;
```

For example:

```
#include <string.h>
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES *location;

/* Somewhere near Ft. Knox, Kentucky (and 500 m above the ground) */

location->milgrid_override->zone = 16;
location->milgrid_override->resolution = 5;
strcpy (location->milgrid_override->string, "16SES5531479961");
location->milgrid_override->z = 818.;

location->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_MILGRID;
```

In this example, '16S' is the map sheet, 'ES' specifies a grid square on that map sheet; '5531479961' specifies 55,314 m east and 79,961 north from the lower left hand corner of the 'ES' grid square.

### 4.5.4.3 Topocentric Cartesian Coordinates

SNIP supports two Topocentric Cartesian Coordinate Systems. Both are right- handed 3D Cartesian systems, centered around a given point on the surface of the earth, with Z going

up, positive X axis east, and positive Y axis north. Distances along the axes can be measured as either meters (metric) or feet (English). The plane represented by the system (curved or flat) is bounded; the width and height of the plane must be specified.

A topocentric system based on GCC data (i.e., a curved earth model) is called a TCC System in SNIP, or just TCC. A topocentric system based on UTM data is called a LEVEL system, or just LEVEL.

#### 4.5.4.3.1 TCC

To use a SNIP TCC system, the user application must inform SNIP of the mapping between the TCC System and the world. To do so, SNIP provides the function `snip_format_define_tcc()`. This function takes information about the mapping between a TCC System and the world, and returns an identifier which may be used in subsequent calls and data structures to indicate the TCC defined.

The function `snip_format_define_tcc()` takes three arguments:

- a pointer to a `SNIP_TCC_RECORD` which contains the mapping information (defined below);
- a pointer to a `SNIP_TCC_ID` buffer to hold the returned identifier; and
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`.

The `SNIP_TCC_RECORD` is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    struct
    {
        float64 northing;
        float64 easting;
        int32 zone_num;
        char zone_letter;
    } origin;
    int32 mapping_datum;
    int32 width;
    int32 height;
} SNIP_TCC_RECORD;
```

SNIP defines a TCC System by specifying the lower left hand corner of the TCC (0,0) in terms of UTM. A TCC based on the Ft. Knox, KY database developed for the SIMNET program would look like:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_TCC_RECORD knox_tcc;

knox_tcc.origin.northing = 4155000;
knox_tcc.origin.easting = 545000;
knox_tcc.origin.zone_num = 16;
knox_tcc.origin.zone_letter = 'S';
knox_tcc.mapping_datum = SNIP_DATUM_CONUSNAD27;
knox_tcc.width = 75000;
knox_tcc.height = 50000;
```

Once the TCC record is complete, it can be registered with SNIP with:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_TCC_ID knox_tcc_id;
SNIP_ERROR my_error_tree = NULL;

if (snip_format_define_tcc (& knox_tcc, & knox_tcc_id, & my_error_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

The identifier contained in knox\_tcc\_id may now be used to refer to this TCC system. The actual coordinates in a SNIP TCC are stored in an area pointed to by a SNIP\_3D\_VECTOR\_PTR. An example of indicating the same location specified in the preceding examples as a TCC using SNIP follows:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

#define X 0
#define Y 1
#define Z 2

SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES *location;

/* Somewhere near Ft. Knox, Kentucky (and 300 m above the ground) */

location->tcc_metric_id = knox_tcc_id; /* from define_tcc() */

location->tcc_metric[X] = 10300.0 /* m */;
location->tcc_metric[Y] = 25021.0 /* m */;
location->tcc_metric[Z] = 800.0 /* m */;

location->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_TCC_METRIC;
```

#### 4.5.4.3.2 LEVEL

A Level System (a topocentric system derived from UTM) is defined in exactly the same way as a TCC System. A SNIP\_LEVEL\_RECORD is provided as a counterpart to the SNIP\_TCC\_RECORD. It is defined as a SNIP\_TCC\_RECORD. The different type is used to emphasize that TCC Systems and Level Systems are different and they should not be confused. The function snip\_format\_define\_level() is also provided, and is analogous to snip\_format\_define\_tcc().

SNIP\_LEVEL\_RECORD is defined as follows:

```
typedef SNIP_TCC_RECORD SNIP_LEVEL_RECORD;
```

A full example of the location used in previous examples for a SNIP Level System (with the variation of using the English System) looks like:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES *location;
SNIP_LEVEL_RECORD knox_level;
SNIP_LEVEL_ID knox_level_id;
SNIP_ERROR my_error_tree = NULL;

knox_level.origin.northing = 4155000;
knox_level.origin.easting = 545000;
knox_level.origin.zone_num = 16;
knox_level.origin.zone_letter = 'S';
knox_level.mapping_datum = SNIP_DATUM_CONUSNAD27;
knox_level.width = 75000;
knox_level.height = 50000;

if (snip_format_define_level (& knox_level, & knox_level_id,
    & my_error_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}

/* Somewhere near Ft. Knox, Kentucky (and 500 m above the ground) */

location->level_english_id = knox_level_id; /* from define_level() */

location->level_english[X] = 33838.52 /* ft */; /* = 10314 m */
location->level_english[Y] = 81220.31 /* ft */; /* = 24756 m */
location->level_english[Z] = 2690.28 /* ft */; /* = 819 m */

location->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_LEVEL_ENGLISH;
```

#### **4.5.4.4 Latitude/Longitude/Z**

Latitude/Longitude/Z, also known as Geodetic coordinates, is the latitude and longitude system used by flyers, mariners, and meteorologists. Latitudes north of the equator are positive; south of the equator, negative. Longitudes east of the Prime Meridian are positive; west of the Prime meridian are negative. Note that altitude is not measured from sea level, but rather from the reference ellipsoid. Latitude and longitude can be with reference to the mapping datum recommended by the DMA for that area (local datum), or with reference to the WGS84 ellipsoid.

The data structure used to represent this system is SNIP\_LATLON:

```
typedef struct
{
    float64      latitude;
    float64      longitude;
    float64      elevation;
} SNIP_LATLON;
```

The Ft.Knox coordinates already used in this section would be indicated by:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES *location;

/* Somewhere near Ft. Knox, Kentucky (and 500 m above the ground) */

location->latlon_local_datum_metric->latitude = 37.765 /* deg N */;
location->latlon_local_datum_metric->longitude = -86.372 /* deg W */;
location->latlon_local_datum_metric->elevation = 818.      /* m */;

location->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_LATLON_LOCAL_METRIC;
```

#### **4.5.5 Body Coordinates**

Body coordinates in SNIP represent the coordinate system of an entity. All systems are right-handed, Cartesian coordinate systems. Each system has its origin at the center of the entity's bounding volume (not including any articulated parts). SNIP supports four different axis configurations in English and Metric units, for a total of eight different representations which can be supported simultaneously.

The four axis configurations are:

- Z down, Y to the right, X down the front
- Z up, Y to the left, X down the front

- Z down, X to the left, Y down the front
- Z up, X to the right, Y down the front

The first two are abbreviated as ZYX-Z down and ZYX-Z up; the last two ZXY-Z down and ZXY-Z up. The type SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES is used to store the various body coordinate representations. It is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_VALID_BODY_COORDINATES valid_format_map;
    SNIP_VALID_BODY_COORDINATES allocated_format_map;

    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_down_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_down_english;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_up_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_up_english;

    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_down_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_down_english;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_up_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_up_english;

} SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES;
```

As an example, consider a point represented with respect to an entity using the ZYX-Z down system, in metric units. To set the coordinates at one meter in front of the origin, and two meters above the origin:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES *contact_pt;

contact_pt->zyx_z_down_metric[X] = 1.;
contact_pt->zyx_z_down_metric[Y] = 0.;
contact_pt->zyx_z_down_metric[Z] = -2.;

contact_pt->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_ZYX_Z_DOWN_METRIC;
```

#### 4.5.6 Coordinate System Transformations

SNIP supports the simultaneous representation of a world-to-body transformation in each of three different representations, for the four body coordinate types supported, making a total of twelve simultaneous representations. The representations are Euler Angles, 3x3 Transformation Matrices, and Quaternions.

The structure SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE is defined to store a set of world-to-body transformations as follows:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_VALID_3D_ROTATE    valid_format_map;
    SNIP_VALID_3D_ROTATE    allocated_format_map;

    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zyx_z_down;
    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zyx_z_up;
    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zxy_z_down;
    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zxy_z_up;

    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zyx_z_down;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zyx_z_up;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zxy_z_down;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zxy_z_up;

    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zyx_z_down;
    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zyx_z_up;
    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zxy_z_down;
    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zxy_z_up;

} SNIP_3D_ROTATE;
```

The valid\_format\_map and allocated\_format\_map are used in the same way as their counterparts in SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATES and SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES. The types SNIP\_EULER\_ROTATE, SNIP\_TMATRIX64\_ROTATE, and SNIP\_QUATERNION\_ROTATE are defined below.

Each of the three world-to-body transformation structures contain the sub-structure SNIP\_REFERENCE\_COORD. This is used to specify the world or body coordinate system that a given transformation transforms to body coordinates. It is assumed that the world system specified is one of the Cartesian systems (GCC, TCC, or LEVEL). In addition, the special case of SNIP\_CS\_BODY may be used to indicate a transformation from one entity coordinate system to another. This is used for articulated parts to represent a rotation of one part with respect to its parent part.

#### 4.5.6.1 Euler Angles

Euler angles describe a transformation as the three successive axial rotations needed to transform from a world or body coordinate system into a given body coordinate system.

SNIP defines the following three data structures:

```

typedef struct
{
    SNIP_REFERENCE_COORD    reference_coord;
    SNIP_EULER_ANGLE *      angle;
} SNIP_EULER_ROTATE;

--and--

typedef struct
{
    SNIP_ANGLE psi;           /* yaw ; +/- pi */
    SNIP_ANGLE theta;         /* pitch ; +/- half pi */
    SNIP_ANGLE phi;           /* roll ; +/- pi */
} SNIP_EULER_ANGLE;

--and--

typedef float64 SNIP_ANGLE;

```

The psi field always holds the amount that the world axis is rotated about the Z axis. Theta is the rotation about the pitch axis, Y or X, depending on the body coordinate system used. Phi is the rotation about the roll axis, either X or Y. The rotations are measured in radians, and always follow the right hand rule for direction of rotation. Note that the body coordinate systems outlined in the section on Body Coordinates are always in yaw/pitch/roll order--either ZYX or ZXY.

An example of using a SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE for an entity which is level and facing North with respect to a TCC System having TCC ID 3 and using a ZYX / Z Down body coordinate system might look like:

```

#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_3D_ROTATE *orient;

/* specify the world coordinate system */
orient->euler_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.reference_is_world_coords =
    SNIP_TRUE;
orient->euler_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.u.world.system = SNIP_CS_TCC;
orient->euler_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.u.world.sys_info.tcc_id = 3;

/* specify the rotations */

/* Rotate the world systems X-axis into the entity's x-axis */
orient->euler_zyx_z_down.angle->psi = M_PI / 2.;

/* no pitch component */
orient->euler_zyx_z_down.angle->theta = 0. ;

```

```
/* World is Z up and entity is Z down so rotate roll axis by PI */
orient->euler_zyx_z_down.angle->phi = M_PI ;

/* ZYX (also called Tait-Bryan) Z down is valid */
orient->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_EULER_ZYX_Z_DOWN;
```

#### 4.5.6.2 Transformation Matrices

A 3-vector (e.g. location, velocity) in world coordinates may be pre-multiplied by a 3 x 3 world-to-body transformation matrix to express that 3- vector in the body coordinate system; a 3-vector in body coordinates can likewise be multiplied by the transpose of the world-to-body matrix to express the vector in world coordinates.

To express a 3 x 3 matrix in SNIP, the following structures are defined:

```
typedef float64 (* SNIP_TMATRIX64_PTR)[3];

typedef struct
{
    SNIP_REFERENCE_COORD    reference_coord;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_PTR      matrix;
} SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE;
```

The example rotation from the section on Describing Euler Angles can be expressed as a 3 x 3 matrix in SNIP as follows:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_3D_ROTATE *orient;

/* specify the world coordinate system */
orient->euler_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.reference_is_world_coords =
    SNIP_TRUE;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.u.world.system = SNIP_CS_TCC;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.reference_coord.u.world.sys_info.tcc_id = 3;

orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[0][0] = 0. ;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[1][0] = 1. ;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[2][0] = 0. ;

orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[0][1] = 1. ;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[1][1] = 0. ;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[2][1] = 0. ;
```

```
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[0][2] = 0. ;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[1][2] = 0. ;
orient->tmatrix_zyx_z_down.matrix[2][2] = -1. ;

orient->valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_TMATRIX_ZYX_Z_DOWN;
```

#### 4.5.6.3 Quaternions

A quaternion is a four-parameter system used to specify the attitude of a rotating coordinate system, such as a vehicle's body coordinate system, with respect to some other coordinate system reference frame.

The quaternion scheme arose out of a theorem, derived by Euler, which states that any sequence of rotations of a rigid body which has one point fixed, such as that of the center-of-gravity of the vehicle, can be arrived at by a single rotation about some axis which passes through this momentarily-fixed point. Specifically, the quaternion is a compact form for representing the single fixed axis and angle referred to by Euler's theorem. The quaternion scheme, which found a compact form of expression the Euler parameters, was discovered by Hamilton in 1843.

In a manner similar to rotation matrices, successive rotations result in successive quaternion multiplications. The advantage of the quaternion scheme is that the relationship between two (2) coordinate systems can be described using only four (4) numbers as opposed to the nine (9) numbers required for the specification of a direction-cosine matrix. The principal hindrance to the more common use of quaternions has been that the direction-cosine matrix is usually the desired end-product of computation. Usually, the computation saved by the use of quaternions to perform coordinate system rotations is lost when the resultant quaternion must be converted into the form of a direction-cosine matrix.

The method used to specify quaternions within SNIP is derived from the above premise that an arbitrary coordinate system rotation can be described by means of a single rotation, theta, about an axis appropriately-aligned with respect to the inertial reference frame. If we denote the angles between this axis and the inertial x,y,z axes to be alpha, beta, and gamma, respectively, then the orientation of the rotating reference frame xprime, yprime, zprime with respect to the inertial reference frame may be described in terms of theta, alpha, beta and gamma. The resulting quaternion is then described as follows:

```
scalar = cos (theta / 2)
scalar[X_AXIS] = cos (alpha) * sin (theta / 2)
scalar[Y_AXIS] = cos (beta) * sin (theta / 2)
scalar[Z_AXIS] = cos (gamma) * sin (theta / 2)
```

As an example, assume that a vehicle, having a body reference frame of x out-the-nose, y left, and zup, turns ninety (90) degrees to the left. Theta is ninety (90). The resulting quaternion describing this rotation is

```
scalar = 0.707
vector[X_AXIS] = 0.0
vector[Y_AXIS] = 0.0
vector[Z_AXIS] = 1.0
```

In order to support a variety of descriptions of the rotation of one reference frame with respect to another, SNIP supports not only euler angles and direction-cosine matrices, but also quaternions. SNIP provides routines which can be used to convert between these schemes. Specifically, the following conversions are supported:

```
euler angles          -> direction-cosine matrix
direction-cosine matrix -> euler angles

euler angles          -> quaternion
quaternion           -> euler angles

direction-cosine matrix -> quaternion
quaternion           -> direction-cosine matrix
```

Within these schemes, the following orders-of-rotation are supported:

```
yaw first, pitch second, roll third

yaw first, roll second, pitch third
```

Specific information regarding the conversions may be found in the "/common/libsrc/SNIP/libsrc/snip/libsn\_format" library.

#### **4.5.7 Measurements**

SNIP supports the representation of some common physical measurements in both English and Metric systems. These measurements are temperature, mass, length, area, and volume. The structure defined by SNIP for representing measurements is:

```
typedef struct snip_measurement
{
    SNIP_VALID_MEAS_SYSTEMS valid_format_map;
    float32                  metric;
    float32                  english;
} SNIP_MEASUREMENT;
```

The valid\_format\_map is used in the same manner as for all format structures. Note that no memory allocation is needed for measurement formats.

An example of a mass expressed in a SNIP format is:

```
#include "snp_format.h"

SNIP_MEASUREMENT measure;

measure.metric = 30. ; /* kg */
measure.valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_METRIC;

/* or */

measure.english = 66.14 ; /* lbs. */
measure.valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_ENGLISH;
```

---

Measurement Type	Metric	English
Temperature	Celsius	Fahrenheit
Mass	Kilograms	Pounds (on earth)
Length	Meters	Feet
Area	Meters <sup>**2</sup>	Feet <sup>**2</sup>
Volume	Meters <sup>**3</sup>	Feet <sup>**3</sup>

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Table 4.1 Units for SNIP Measurements

## 4.6 MANAGING ENTITIES AND EVENTS

Entities and events are either local or remote in origin. Entities and events are local to a given user application if they are created and maintained by that user application. Entities and events are remote to a given user application if they are created and maintained by a different user application. (We are careful here to recognize that a single user application may be made up of different processes working together.)

### 4.6.1 Creating Local Entities

Local entities are created directly by the user application. The function `snip_siumgr_create_entity()` will do all steps necessary to get an entity created. It allocates a new entity ID, creates an SIU, and puts the entity in the database. The new SIU will have allocated the data structures for the coordinate, rotational, and measurement systems in the given data formats. The user application can fill them in immediately.

The `snip_siumgr_create_entity()` function takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIUMGR`
- a `SNIP_SIU_TYPE`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_DATA_FORMAT`
- a pointer to a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU_ID`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_siumgr_create_entity()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_create_entity (
    siumgr_id,          /* which SIU Manger to use */
    siu_type,           /* which SIU type for this entity */
    & format,           /* which coordinate, rotational, and measurement
                           systems to use */
    & entity_siu,       /* address of SIU pointer */
    & entity_id,         /* entity ID */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

After `snip_siumgr_create_entity()` is completed, the entity exists solely as a base. Articulated parts must be added one at a time.

Sometimes it is necessary to create entities that will exist in the simulation for only a short time and then will exit. To facilitate this activity SNIP provides the function `snip_siumgr_create_entity_with_given_SIU()`. This allow the user application to reuse an SIU for many entities. The only rule is that the application must use `snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU()` with a NULL for the SIU before destroying the entity. This will allow the SIU to remain to be reused.

The function `snip_siumgr_create_entity_with_given_SIU()` will allocate a unique entity ID each time it is called. It takes as arguments:

- a pointer to a SNIP\_SIU
- a pointer to a SNIP\_SIU\_ID
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR

Below is a simple example of `snip_siumgr_create_entity_with_given_SIU()`

```
if (snip_siumgr_create_entity_with_given_SIU (
    entity_siu,      /* SIU pointer */
    & entity_id,     /* entity ID */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.6.1.1 Allocating Articulated Parts**

Articulated parts are added to an entity as a directed acyclic graph, or as a tree. Each articulated part includes links (pointers) to its parent part, sibling parts, and children parts. (By definition, parts that are attached directly to the entity base have a NULL parent part link.)

An articulated part is allocated by the call `snip_siumgr_alloc_art_part()`. The caller specifies information about the types of articulation that the part can perform, the format of the coordinate, rotational, and measurement systems, and the class of the part. When complete `snip_siumgr_alloc_art_part()` returns an articulated part that is ready to be filled in by the user application and attached to either the entity base or to another articulated part.

The `snip_siumgr_alloc_art_part()` call takes as arguments:

- a SNIP\_SIUMGR
- a SNIP\_ARTICULATION\_TYPES
- a pointer to a SNIP\_SIU\_CLASS

- a pointer to a SNIP\_DATA\_FORMAT
- a pointer to a pointer to a SNIP\_ART\_PART\_RECORD
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR

The following is an example of the snip\_siumgr\_alloc\_art\_part() call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_alloc_art_part (
    siumgr_id,           /* which SIU Manager to use */
    articulation_map,   /* kinds of articulation this part can perform */
    & part_class,       /* simulation type specific classification of
                           part */
    & format,           /* which coordinate, rotational, and measurement
                           systems to use */
    & art_part,          /* articulated part */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.6.1.2 Attaching Articulated Parts**

Because entity SIUs use different data structures than those used in articulated parts, different calls are used to attach articulated parts to them.

##### **4.6.1.2.1 Attaching Articulated Parts to the Entity Base**

Articulated parts are attached to SIUs in the generic portion that is common to entities. The function snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_base() will take an articulated part and attach it to the entity SIU. If this function is called multiple times with the same SIU then the parts attached will be siblings (peers) and will all be attached directly to the base of the entity. If the articulated part being added has children already attached to it then they are undisturbed and the entire part tree is attached.

The snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_base() function takes as arguments:

- a pointer to a SNIP\_SIU
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ART\_PART\_RECORD
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR

Below is an example of the snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_base() call:

```

if (snip_siumgr_attach_art_part_to_base (
    entity_siu,          /* entity SIU */
    art_part,            /* an articulated part */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}

```

The newest articulated part added to the base is the one actually "pointed to" by the base. The sibling pointer of the new part points to the last part added to the base.

#### 4.6.1.2.2 Attaching Articulated Parts to Another Articulated Part

To add articulated parts to other articulated parts in a parent-child relationship, the function snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_art\_part() is used. This allows the physical relationships of the real object (represented by an entity and its articulated parts) to be better reflected in relationships of the data structures that the user application must manipulate to simulate the entity. If this function is called multiple times with the same parent articulated part, then the parts attached will be siblings and will all be attached directly to that parent part. If the articulated part being added has children already attached to it then they are undisturbed and the entire part tree is attached.

This function does not check for circular dependencies among parent and child parts.

The snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_art\_part() function takes as arguments:

- a pointer to a SNIP\_ART\_PART\_RECORD
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ART\_PART\_RECORD
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR

Below is an example of the snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_art\_part() call:

```

if (snip_siumgr_attach_art_part_to_art_part (
    parent_art_part,      /* an articulated part */
    art_part,            /* an articulated part */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}

```

The newest articulated part added to the parent is the one actually "pointed to" by the parent's child pointer. The sibling pointer of the new part points to the last part added to the parent.

#### **4.6.2 Creating Remote Entities**

The user application does not create remote entities directly. Remote entities are created when `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` is called by the user application. PDUs are received from the simulation network(s) and used to generate SIUs. When a PDU received for a remote entity that is unknown to SNIP, the SGAP creates the entity and puts it in the database.

#### **4.6.3 Creating Local Events**

Local events are created directly by the user application. The function `snip_siumgr_create_event()` will do all steps necessary to get an event created. It allocates a new Event ID, creates an SIU, and puts the event in the database. The new SIU will have allocated the data structures for the coordinate, rotational, and measurement systems in the given data formats. The user application can fill them in immediately.

The `snip_siumgr_create_event()` function takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIUMGR`
- a `SNIP_SIU_TYPE`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_DATA_FORMAT`
- a pointer to a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU_ID`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_siumgr_create_event()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_create_event (
    siumgr_id,          /* which SIU Manger to use */
    siu_type,           /* which SIU type for this event */
    & format,           /* which coordinate, rotational, and measurement
                           systems to use */
    & event_siu,        /* SIU pointer */
    & event_id,         /* event ID */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

After the user application has sent the local event to the rest of the simulations in the exercise the local event may be destroyed. Unless the user application needs the local event for some purpose, it is recommended that the event be destroyed.

As a convenience SNIP provides the function `snip_siumgr_create_event_with_given_SIU()` which allows the reuse of an SIU for multiple similar events.

The only rule is that the application must use `snip_siumgr_set_event_SIU()` with a NULL for the SIU before destroying the entity. This will allow the SIU to remain to be reused.

The function `snip_siumgr_create_event_with_given_SIU()` will allocate a unique event ID each time it is called. It takes as arguments:

- a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU_ID`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of `snip_siumgr_create_event_with_given_SIU()`

```
if (snip_siumgr_create_event_with_given_SIU (
    event_siу,      /* SIU pointer */
    & event_id,     /* entity ID */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.6.4 Creating Remote Events**

The user application does not create remote events directly. Remote events are created when `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` is called by the user application. PDUs are received from the simulation network(s) and used to generate SIUs. When a PDU is received that is for a remote event the SGAP creates the event and puts it in the database.

#### **4.6.5 Duplicating Entities**

There is no one function call that duplicates an entire entity at this time. To duplicate an existing entity the user application must create a new entity, duplicate the SIU, and replace the created SIU with the duplicate SIU. These steps are roughly:

```
snip_siumgr_create_entity()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU()    /*get rid of SIU just created */
snip_siumgr_dup_SIU()
snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU() /*put duplicate SIU into entity
                           database for new entity */
```

The act of creating the new entity means that any duplicate made will be local in origin by definition.

#### **4.6.5.1 Duplicating SIUs**

The function `snip_siumgr_dup_SIU()` will allocate an SIU and copy information into it so that a duplicate is created. All information is stored in the same format as the original. During the duplication process the STDM specific and ADM specific SIU duplication functions that were configured into the SIU Manager are invoked. All articulated parts attached to the original SIU are duplicated and attached to the duplicate SIU in the same tree pattern.

The SIU that is created is not yet in any database.

The call `snip_siumgr_dup_SIU()` takes as arguments:

- a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU`
- a pointer to a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_siumgr_dup_SIU()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_dup_SIU (
    from_siu,          /* SIU */
    & to_siu,          /* SIU pointer */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.6.5.2 Duplicating Articulated Parts**

Articulated parts can be duplicated while the part is still in a part tree. There is no need to detach it before duplication.

##### **4.6.5.2.1 Duplicating One Articulated Part**

The function `snip_siumgr_dup_art_part()` will allocate an articulated part and copy information into it so that a duplicate is created. All information is stored in the same format as the original. During the duplication process the STDM-specific and ADM-specific articulated part duplication functions that were configured into the SIU Manager are invoked.

The pointers that place the original articulated part in a tree are not copied. The pointers for the duplicate part are returned as `NULL`.

The call `snip_siumgr_dup_art_part()` takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIUMGR`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD`
- a pointer to a pointer to a `SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_siumgr_dup_art_part()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_dup_art_part (
    siumgr_id,          /* which SIU Manger to use */
    from_part,          /* art part */
    & to_part,          /* art part pointer */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### 4.6.5.2.2 Duplicating An Articulated Part Tree

The function `snip_siumgr_dup_art_part_tree()` will allocate and copy enough articulated parts to duplicate an entire tree. All articulated parts attached to the sibling or child pointer of the original part are copied.

The call `snip_siumgr_dup_art_part_tree()` takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIUMGR`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD`
- a pointer to a pointer to a `SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_siumgr_dup_art_part_tree()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_dup_art_part_tree (
    siumgr_id,          /* which SIU Manger to use */
    from_part,          /* art part */
    & to_part,          /* art part pointer */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### 4.6.6 Duplicating Events

There is no one function call that duplicates an entire event at this time. To duplicate an existing event the user application must create a new event, duplicate the SIU, and replace the newly created SIU with the duplicate SIU. These steps are roughly:

```
snip_siumgr_create_event()  
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU() /*get rid of SIU just created */  
snip_siumgr_dup_SIU()  
snip_siumgr_set_event_SIU() /*put duplicate SIU into event  
database for new event */
```

The act of creating the new event means that any duplicate made will be local in origin by definition.

#### 4.6.7 Destroying Entities

Local entities can be destroyed with the single call `snip_siumgr_destroy_entity()`. This removes the entry representing the entity from the database and deallocates the SIU and articulated parts, but does not deallocate the entity ID. That means that the Entity ID will not be reused for any other entity. This call does not notify any remote simulations in the exercise that the entity has been destroyed. The user application must create and send a `SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_ENTITY_EXIT` event.

Remote entities should not normally be destroyed by a user application. They are simulated and maintained by a different simulation process, and exist in the simulated world for as long as the owner emits entity state PDUs. If an SGAP gets an indication that an entity has left an exercise, or the entity is not heard from within the appropriate PDU reception timeout period, then the SGAP will generate a `SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_ENTITY_EXIT` event for that entity and will destroy it at that time. If the entity reappears in the exercise then the SGAP will generate a `SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_ENTITY_ENTRY` event and the original entity ID will be still be valid.

The call `snip_siumgr_destroy_entity()` takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIU_ID`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_siumgr_destroy_entity()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_destroy_entity (  
    entity_id, /* entity ID */  
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)  
{  
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */  
}
```

#### **4.6.7.1 Detaching Articulated Parts**

Because entity SIUs use different data structures than those used by articulated parts, different calls are used to detach articulated parts from them. Both the functions discussed below remove an articulated part from the part tree but leave the tree intact. The other articulated parts have had their pointers set so that there is no hole in the tree where the part was removed. All children of the removed part remain as descendants of that part and so are removed from the tree, as well.

These calls do not deallocate articulated parts; they merely pull the parts and any descendants from the tree.

After these calls are complete the user application should specify what is to happen with the articulated part and its descendants.

##### **4.6.7.1.1 Detaching Articulated Parts from the Entity Base**

The function `snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_base()` will remove an articulated part and its descendants from a base entity SIU.

The `snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_base()` function takes as arguments:

- a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is an example of the `snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_base()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_base (
    entity_siu,          /* entity SIU */
    art_part,            /* an articulated part */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

##### **4.6.7.1.2 Detaching Articulated Parts from Another Articulated Part**

The function `snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_art_part()` will remove an articulated part and its descendants from anywhere in the part tree except as a child of the base SIU. There is no need to supply the parent part as an argument.

The `snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_art_part()` function takes as arguments:

- a pointer to a SNIP\_ART\_PART\_RECORD
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR

Below is an example of the snip\_siumgr\_detach\_art\_part\_from\_art\_part() call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_art_part (
    art_part,           /* an articulated part */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.6.7.2 Deallocating Articulated Parts**

When deallocating articulated parts no check is made to see if the part has been detached from a tree. It is assumed that the memory can be freed with no danger.

##### **4.6.7.2.1 Deallocating One Articulated Part**

To deallocate an articulated part the function snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part() is used. All memory allocated for different data formats is deallocated. During the deallocation process the STDM-specific and ADM-specific articulated part deallocation functions that were configured into the SIU Manager are invoked. The children or siblings of the articulated part are not changed or deallocated.

The snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part() function takes as arguments:

- a SNIP\_SIUMGR
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ART\_PART\_RECORD
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR

Below is an example of the snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part() call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part (
    siumgr_id,           /* which SIU Manager to use */
    art_part,           /* articulated part */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### 4.6.7.2.2 Deallocating an Articulated Part Tree

To deallocate an entire articulated part tree (the given part, plus all sibling and children parts) the function `snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part_tree()` is used. This call traverses the part tree until the bottom is found and it calls `snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part()` as it comes back up toward the given part.

`snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part_tree()` takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIUMGR`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is an example of the `snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part_tree()` call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part_tree (
    siumgr_id,           /* which SIU Manger to use */
    art_part,            /* articulated part */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### 4.6.8 Destroying Events

Both local and remote events should be destroyed by the user application when it is finished with them. We have said that remote entities should not be destroyed, since they should persist until the simulation process that maintains them decides to remove them from the exercise (either explicitly or by not sending entity state PDUs about them). Events are transient or momentary in time, so they do not need to be kept track of in the user application or the SNIP database unless there is an explicit reason.

Event IDs are reused during a simulation exercise. When an event is destroyed the event ID is deallocated and put at the bottom of the list of available IDs. When the list "rolls-over" the user application will see some IDs over again. A given ID may represent either a local or a remote event, since there is only one number space for Event IDs.

The function `siumgr_destroy_event()` is used to destroy an event. If SNIP needs to keep an event in the database it has a way of incrementing a reference count so that the call may not result in the destruction immediately.

The call `snip_siumgr_destroy_event()` takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIU_ID`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the snip\_siumgr\_destroy\_event () call:

```
if (snip_siumgr_destroy_event (
    event_id,          /* event ID */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

## 4.7 SENDING AND RECEIVING SIUS

Simulation processes that are part of an exercise will exchange data to keep each other informed about the entities and events that are being simulated. The user application using SNIP works with SIUs that represent entities and events. Even though the SIUs get turned into PDUs to be sent on the network, we speak in terms of sending and receiving SIUs since that is the way the interface is presented to the user application.

### 4.7.1 Sending SIUs

#### 4.7.1.1 Sending All SIUs

The function `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` is used to send an SIU. The SIU must pass subscription and send filters; then a PDU of the appropriate simulation protocol is generated, and the PDU is sent on the configured network(s).

When an SIU is sent it is first checked for SIU type subscription. The SGAP must be configured to send the given type of SIU, or `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` will return with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_SEND_NOT_SUBSCRIBED`.

Next an installed send-filter is applied. If the SIU fails this filter then `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_SEND_FAILED_SEND_FILTER`.

An SGAP can save an SIU and queue it for loopback. The SIU is put on the SGAP's loopback queue and will be returned to the user application later when `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` is called.

Regardless of the loopback status, the SIU is given to the SPDM and then to the ADM to generate a PDU. The `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` call accepts a pointer argument intended for the SPDM, and another for the ADM. These allow the user application to do per-send unique control of the PDU generation.

If a single SIU will generate multiple PDUs then all necessary PDUs are generated and sent. If a single SIU is insufficient to generate a complete PDU then the `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_SEND_PDU_IN_PROGRESS`.

If no SPDM or ADM is installed, or if no PDU can be generated, then `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_SEND_NOT_SUPPORTED`.

The PDU is sent through the PDU Router which will give it to each configured NDM to send on its network. The `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` call accepts a pointer argument intended for the NDM; this allows the user application to do per-send unique control of the NDMs.

After handing off the PDU to the PDU Router, the `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` function returns with an indication of `SNIP_NTAP_SEND_PDU_SENT`.

The `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` function takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SGAP`
- three `ADDRESS`s
- a pointer to a `SNIP_SIU`
- a `SNIP_BOOLEAN`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_SEND_RESULT`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` call:

```
if (snip_sgap_send_SIU ( . . .
    sgap_id,          /* which SGAP to use */
    (ADDRESS) 0,       /* spdm info */
    (ADDRESS) 0,       /* adm info */
    (ADDRESS) 0,       /* ndm info */
    siu_ptr,          /* SIU */
    SNIP_FALSE,       /* loopback */
    & send_result,   /* did it work ? */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.7.1.2 Sending SIUs If Necessary**

The function `snip_sgap_send_SIU_if_necessary()` will send SIUs only if appropriate. All event SIUs are sent, and entity SIUs are first checked to see if they have exceeded certain threshold criteria. First the time threshold is checked to see if it is necessary to send the SIU due to simple timeout. If not, the entity approximation library is called to dead reckon a model of the entity and compare it to location and orientation thresholds. If it exceeds these thresholds then `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` is called and the SIU is sent.

`snip_sgap_send_SIU_if_necessary()` takes the same arguments and returns the same values as `snip_sgap_send_SIU()`, except that if no thresholds are exceeded, and therefore no SIU is sent, then the `send_result` will be `SNIP_SGAP_SEND_NOT_NECESSARY`.

#### 4.7.2 Receiving SIUs

To receive an SIU the function `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` is used. Each new PDU from the network must pass subscription, buffer, and then generate filters. An SIU is generated, put in the database, and returned.

The first thing the SGAP does during `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` is to check to see if an SIU was previously put on the loopback queue as a result of a call to `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` with the loopback flag set to `SNIP_TRUE`. If an SIU is available on the loopback queue then it is added to the database and also returned, along with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_RECV_SIU_RETURNED`. This means that SIUs that are looped back at the SGAP layer take priority over SIUs that would be generated from PDUs.

If no SIU is on the loopback queue then the SGAP checks to see if the last PDU received from the network still has SIUs that can be generated from it. If the last PDU has been fully used to generate SIUs then a new PDU is received from the network.

If no PDU is available from the network then `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_NTAP_RECV_NO_PDU_AVAILABLE`.

If a PDU was received but was for a different simulation group (and was therefore retained in the PDU Router), then `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_ROUTER_RECV_WRONG_GROUP`.

The PDU is checked to see if the next SIU that would be generated from it is of an SIU that has been subscribed to for receive. This SIU type subscription filter is applied in the SPDM (and/or the ADM if necessary). This is because it is the SPDM and/or ADM that knows how to decode the PDU and determine what type of SIU is available.

If the PDU passes, the SIU type subscription filter processing either continues, or `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_RECV_NOT_SUBSCRIBED`.

If neither the SPDM or the ADM is written to perform the SIU type subscription, then `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_RECV_NOT_SUPPORTED`.

If neither the SPDM or the ADM recognizes the PDU then `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_RECV_NOT_SUPPORTED`.

If either the SPDM or the ADM recognize the PDU but do not yet know how to process it, then `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` returns with an indication of `SNIP_SGAP_RECV_PDU_IGNORED`.

SNIP was created with the philosophy that no conversion or calculation steps should be repeated if the results can be easily stored and retrieved. At the time the SIU type subscription filter is applied, an empty SIU of the correct SIU type is allocated by the

SPDM or ADM so that any simulation information extracted from the PDU can be stored. Every step that further processes the PDU contributes to the generation of the SIU. Since the installed buffer and generate filters discussed below are intended to be simulation protocol independent, they operate on SIUs. Both the PDU and SIU are passed to these filters, and if there is some field in the SIU that has not been generated yet, a function of the SPDM or ADM is invoked to provide the simulation information needed. If an SIU fails to pass a filter then the time spent generating the unwanted SIU is kept to a minimum.

If the SIU being generated is an entity SIU, the SGAP checks to see if this is the first appearance of the entity. If the entity is not yet in the database, then the installed generate filter is applied. If the SIU passes the generate filter then the SPDM and ADM are called to complete the entity SIU generation. The new entity SIU is added to the database. The SIU type filter is applied again, this time to see if the SGAP has subscribed to SNIP\_EVENT\_TYPE\_ENTITY\_ENTRY type SIUs. If this is the case, an entity entry event SIU is generated and returned. This SIU includes a pointer to the new entity SIU, so that the user application can process it as necessary. If the SGAP has not subscribed to the SNIP\_EVENT\_TYPE\_ENTITY\_ENTRY then no event SIU is generated and the entity SIU is returned.

If a remote entity leaves the exercise, a SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT SIU is generated and returned through the snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU() call. An entity can leave an exercise either because a PDU arrived that indicated that the entity was being deactivated, or because the simulation protocol in use has a PDU reception timeout and the entity has not sent a PDU within the time limit. SNIP can detect either condition and create the entity exit SIU.

If a remote entity that has left an exercise later reappears, SNIP will go through the steps for a new entity; however, the entity will have the same SNIP\_SIU\_ID as before. (Once an entity ID is issued it is used only for that entity no matter how many times it enters or exits the exercise.)

If the SIU being generated is for an entity that is in the database, the SGAP checks to see if it is in buffer entity mode. If it is, the installed buffer filter is applied. If the PDU passes this filter, it is buffered (the previous PDU that was buffered is disposed of). The entity\_id argument is set to the ID of the buffered entity and snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU() returns with an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_ENTITY\_BUFFERED. Later the entity SIU can be generated from the most recent PDU by using the snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU() call. If it fails the buffer filter, snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU() returns with an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_FAILED\_BUFFER\_FILTER.

If the SIU being generated is for an entity that is in the database and the SGAP is not in buffer entity mode then the installed generate filter is applied. If the SIU passes the generate filter then the SPDM and ADM are called to complete the SIU generation. The new SIU is put into the database, and is returned in one of the arguments to snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU(). snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU() returns with an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_SIU\_RETURNED. If it fails the generate filter then snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU() returns with an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_FAILED\_GEN\_FILTER.

The snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU() function will create the new SIU with coordinate, rotational, and measurement information in the format specified. The user application must only create an Data Format Indicator (DFI) of the data type SNIP\_DATA\_FORMAT. The SGAP will use the DFI to guide its generation of the SIU. Any coordinate, rotational, or

measurement information will first be stored in the SIU in the data format present in the PDU. Then format conversion routines will be called which will also store the information in the data formats indicated within the DFI. If a NULL DFI is passed in then no further data conversion will occur and only the data formats in the PDU will appear in the SIU.

**SNIP\_SIU\_STATS** is used to give information that will allow for the correct ordering of SIUs in complex applications that have multiple SGAPs receiving SIUs from multiple networks.

The **SNIP\_SIU\_STATS** data structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_NTAP    receiving_ntap;
    NATIVE_INT   sequence_no;
} SNIP_SIU_STATS;
```

The **snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU()** function takes as arguments:

- a **SNIP\_SGAP**
- two **ADDRESSes**
- a pointer to a **SNIP\_DATA\_FORMAT**
- a pointer to a pointer to a **SNIP\_SIU**
- a pointer to a **SNIP\_SIU\_ID**
- a pointer to a **SNIP\_RECV\_RESULT**
- a pointer to a **SNIP\_SIU\_STATS**
- a pointer to a **SNIP\_ERROR**

Below is a simple example of the **snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU()** call:

```
if (snip_sgap_recv_SIU (
    sgap_id,          /* which SGAP to use */
    (ADDRESS) 0,       /* spdm info */
    (ADDRESS) 0,       /* adm info */
    & format,         /* which coordinate, rotational, and measurement
                        systems to use */
    & siu_ptr,        /* SIU */
    & entity_id,      /* what entity was buffered ? */
    & recv_result,    /* did it work ? */
    & stats,          /* info about network tap */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

After successful completion an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_SIU\_RETURNED is returned.

#### **4.7.3 Generating Entity SIUs From Buffered PDUs**

To generate an entity SIU from a buffered entity state PDU, the function snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU() is used. Each buffered PDU must pass a generate filter. An SIU is generated, put in the database, and returned.

If the given entity is not in the database or does not have a PDU buffered for it snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU() returns with an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_NO\_PDU\_BUFFERED.

If a PDU is found the generate filter is applied. If it fails the generate filter then snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU() returns with an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_FAILED\_GEN\_FILTER. If it passes the generate filter then the SPDM and ADM are called to complete the entity SIU generation. The new entity SIU is put into the database.

The snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU() function takes as arguments:

- a SNIP\_SGAP
- two ADDRESSESes
- a pointer to a SNIP\_DATA\_FORMAT
- a SNIP\_SIU\_ID
- a pointer to a pointer to a SNIP\_SIU
- a pointer to a SNIP\_RECV\_RESULT

- a pointer to a SNIP\_SIU\_STATS
- a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR

Below is a simple example of the snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU() call:

```
if (snip_sgap_generate_entity_SIU (
    sgap_id,          /* which SGAP to use */
    (ADDRESS) 0,       /* spdm info */
    (ADDRESS) 0,       /* adm info */
    & format,         /* which coordinate, rotational, and measurement
                        systems to use */
    entity_id,        /* entity to generate SIU for */
    & entity_siu,     /* SIU */
    & recv_result,    /* did it work ? */
    & stats,          /* info about network tap */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

After successful completion an indication of SNIP\_SGAP\_RECV\_SIU\_RETURNED is returned.

## 4.8 CONTROL AND STATUS

### 4.8.1 Setting Configuration of SNIP Modules

SNIP was designed to be highly configurable so that it is easy to use while offering fine grain control.

Each SNIP module defaults to a configuration that offers reasonable functionality and behavior. Any configuration information that is absolutely necessary for a module to do its job is passed in when the module is created or opened.

Since different situations warrant different modes of behavior, modules of SNIP often offer a choice of the actions to be taken as the result of a given function call. One benefit of this flexibility is that SNIP is suitable for many different types of simulation applications. Another benefit is that the user application can configure each module to best utilize scarce resources such as CPU time and memory allocation.

There are three ways to control the configuration of a module:

- setting a mode (SET)
- clearing a mode (CLEAR)
- resetting state (EXEC)

The API for setting the configuration of a module consists of a function call to perform the configuration control, and several data structures that can be passed to the module through the function. The control function takes as arguments a command indicating what the module is tasked to do, a pointer to a data structure holding the information necessary to do the task, and an indication of the size of the data structure (either the size in bytes, or the number of elements in an array or list). The pointer to the data structure must be cast as a generic memory address. Some commands may result in return information being placed in the data structure by the module.

The commands always follow a four-part pattern:

SNIP	SNIP
module name	XXX_
type of action	SET_, CLEAR_, or EXEC_
command	command

The model for setting the configuration for module XXX is:

```
snip_XXX_control (XXX_id, SNIP_XXX_SET_command,  
    (ADDRESS)&data_structure, size_of_data_structure, &my_err_tree);
```

It may be necessary to unset or clear a configurable mode of a module. Often CLEAR commands require no data structure. The same control function is used:

```
snip_XXX_control (XXX_id, SNIP_XXX_CLEAR_command,  
    (ADDRESS)&data_structure, size_of_data_structure, &my_err_tree);
```

From time to time it may be necessary to direct a module to update its state in some way-- performing housekeeping tasks such as flushing of buffers, for example, or checking the clock and doing time based jobs. Although an EXEC command never needs a data structure, the same control function is used, so dummy arguments must be passed in:

```
snip_XXX_control (XXX_id, SNIP_XXX_EXEC_command,  
    (ADDRESS)&dummy_data_structure, size_of_dummy_data_structure,  
    &my_err_tree);
```

#### **4.8.2 Getting Configuration of SNIP Modules**

Since modules can be configured to behave in more than one manner, modules must be capable of being queried about their current configuration. It is possible to determine the setting or status of every configurable mode of a module. There are two ways to get the configuration status of a module:

- getting a mode (GET)
- checking to see if given information is part of a mode (CHECK).

When getting a mode, status information can be returned in a single data structure, or it can take the form of a list. If the status information can be returned in a single data structure, the user application should declare a data structure and pass in a pointer to it. The module will return the status information and the size of the data structure. If the status information takes the form of a list, the user application should declare a pointer to the data structure and pass in a pointer to it. The module will return the address of the first element in an array of data structures and the number of elements in the array.

Checking a mode has two styles, simple and specific. The simple style is to check whether a mode is enabled or not. This style of mode check takes a pointer to a SNIP\_BOOLEAN as the data structure. The module will return either SNIP\_TRUE or SNIP\_FALSE in the SNIP\_BOOLEAN. The specific style is to check if specific information has been configured. This style of mode check takes the address of a pointer to a data structure containing the information that is to be checked. The module will return a pointer to a SNIP\_BOOLEAN set to either SNIP\_TRUE or SNIP\_FALSE.

The commands always follow a four-part pattern:

SNIP	SNIP
module name	XXX_
type of action	GET_ or CHECK_
command	command

The model of the function for getting the configuration status of module XXX is:

```
NATIVE_INT           size;  
  
snip_XXX_status (XXX_id, SNIP_XXX_GET_command,  
                  (ADDRESS)&data_structure, &size, &my_err_tree);
```

The model of the function for checking the simple configuration status of module XXX is:

```
NATIVE_INT           size;  
SNIP_BOOLEAN         bool;  
  
snip_XXX_status (XXX_id, SNIP_XXX_CHECK_command,  
                  (ADDRESS)&bool, &size, &my_err_tree);
```

The model of the function for checking the specific configuration status of module XXX is:

```
NATIVE_INT           size;  
ADDRESS              ptr = &data_structure;  
  
snip_XXX_status (XXX_id, SNIP_XXX_CHECK_command,  
                  (ADDRESS)&ptr, &size, &my_err_tree);
```

On return, ptr will contain the address of a SNIP\_BOOLEAN.

#### **4.8.3 SGAP Control**

Several important aspects of an SGAP can be configured by a user application. These are:

- SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_ENTITY\_BUFFER\_MODE
- SIU Type Subscription
- SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_NTAP\_LIST
- SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_CLOCK
- SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_USING\_ABSOLUTE\_TIME
- SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_USING\_ABSOLUTE\_TIME
- SNIP\_SGAP\_EXEC\_SYNC\_WITH\_NET\_CLOCK
- SNIP\_SGAP\_EXEC\_TICK

#### 4.8.3.1 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_ENTITY\_BUFFER\_MODE

An SGAP defaults to the mode where the `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` call generates an entity SIU for every entity state PDU that it receives. This may not always be the most desirable behavior. At any given time a user application may only be interested in a subset of all the entities in the exercise. The user application may not want to spend the CPU time generating SIUs for every entity state PDU that arrives from the network.

To accommodate this different mode of behavior, an SGAP can be configured to buffer entity state PDUs and only generate entity SIUs for specified entities. Instead of returning an entity SIU, the `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` call will return an indication that a PDU was buffered. Later the user application can use the `snip_sgap_generate_entity()` call to complete the entity SIU generation.

Below are examples of setting and clearing the entity buffering mode for an SGAP.

```
/* to enable buffer entity mode */

if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id, SNIP_SGAP_SET_ENTITY_BUFFER_MODE,
    NULL, 0, &my_err_tree)) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

OR

```
/* to disable buffer entity mode */

if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id, SNIP_SGAP_CLEAR_ENTITY_BUFFER_MODE,
    NULL, 0, &my_err_tree)) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

Setting the SGAP to buffer entity PDUs does not affect event SIU generation. Event SIUs are generated during `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` as necessary, including the `SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_ENTITY_ENTRY` event.

whether or not the SGAP is in entity buffered mode, the first time an entity's entity state PDU is received off a network, an entity SIU is generated and put in the database and a `SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_ENTITY_ENTRY` event is generated. This event SIU contains the new entity ID, which can be used to retrieve the entity SIU from the data base.

#### 4.8.3.2 SIU Type Subscription

SNIP allows for filtering in several places in the SGAP. A fundamental filter is to select for SIU type. An SGAP can be configured to accept from the network only those PDUs which will generate at least one SIU from the subscribed SIU types. An SGAP can also be

configured to accept only subscribed SIUs to generate PDUs to send on a network. Making the list of SIU types to subscribe to, and configuring the SGAP is called SIU type subscription.

An SGAP can be configured for SIU type subscription separately for sending and receiving.

SIU type receive subscription filtration occurs in the SPDM that is installed in the SGAP. Any SPDM delivered with SNIP will default to being subscribed to all SIU types for receive. Once an SGAP is configured for SIU type receive subscription, then only the subscribed SIU types will be generated during the `snip_sgap_recv_SIU()` call.

SIU type send subscription filtration occurs in the SGAP regardless of the installed SPDM. The SGAP defaults to being subscribed to all SIU types for send. Once an SGAP is configured for SIU type send subscription, then only the subscribed SIU types will be accepted and used to generate a PDU during the `snip_sgap_send_SIU()` call.

#### **4.8.3.2.1 Making the List of SIU Types to Subscribe to**

The TYPUSB Module is used to create SIU type subscription lists in a data structure known as `SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET`. A keyset is created, and then SIU types are subscribed (added to the keyset) or unsubscribed (subtracted from the keyset).

Create the keyset.

```
#include "snp_typesub.h"

SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET keyset;

if (snip_typesub_create_keyset(&keyset, &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

Add SIU types to the keyset. The SIU types below are examples of generic SIU types. The majority of SIU types are simulation type dependent and are defined in the STDM that is being used. Also, SIU types defined by the application in the ATDM can be used.

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"

if (snip_typesub_subscribe(keyset, SNIP_ENTITY_TYPE_PLATFORM,
    &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

```
if (snip_typesub_subscribe(keyset, SNIP_ENTITY_TYPE_LIFEFORM,
    &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}

if (snip_typesub_subscribe(keyset, SNIP_EVENT_TYPE_ENTITY_ENTRY,
    &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

At this point the keyset is contains the list of SIU types that will be subscribed to and is ready to be used to configure the SGAP.

#### **4.8.3.2.2 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_RECV\_SUBSCRIPTION**

The call to configure an SGAP for SIU type subscription for receive is:

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"

if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id, SNIP_SGAP_SET_RECV_SUBSCRIPTION,
    (ADDRESS) &keyset, sizeof (keyset),
    &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.8.3.2.3 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_SEND\_SUBSCRIPTION**

The call to configure an SGAP for SIU type subscription for send is:

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"

if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id, SNIP_SGAP_SET_SEND_SUBSCRIPTION,
    (ADDRESS) &keyset, sizeof (keyset),
    &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.8.3.3 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_NTAP\_LIST**

An SGAP must be configured to use some simulation network to be able to send and receive simulation data. In the context of SNIP, a simulation network is any network

protocol suite and communications medium that can move bytes between processes. For example, a simulation network could be the UDP/IP network protocol suite running over copper wire Ethernet Version 2.0, or the same network protocol suite running over FDDI, or some user defined message header as a network protocol suite with the messages passed over shared memory, or System V message queues. We call the sequence of bytes moved over the simulation network a Protocol Data Unit (PDU).

The SNIP modules that send and receive PDUs over simulation networks are called Network Dependent Modules (NDMs). When configuring an SGAP to use a particular simulation network an NDM is passed down through the PDU Router layer and added to the Network Tap layer underneath the SGAP. The NDM chosen should be able to support the SPDM that is installed in the SGAP. (Some simulation protocols are tightly coupled with a particular simulation network.)

An SGAP can be configured to use more than one NDM. When sending the generated PDU will be sent on all NDMs. When receiving the PDU Router layer below the SGAP will return the oldest PDU first if it has the time of PDU arrival from each NDM, else it will return PDUs from the NDMs in a round-robin fashion. The number of NDMs that an SGAP can use is set through run time parameters.

An SGAP defaults to having no configured NDM. It is not an error to use an SGAP to send or receive SIUs before it is configured to use at least one NDM, but it will throw away any PDUs generated on send, and will not generate any SIUs on receive.

For an example of configuring an SGAP to use an NDM see the section on [Installing a Network Dependent Module \(NDM\)](#).

#### **4.8.3.4 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_CLOCK**

When generating SIUs and PDUs an SPDM will create a timestamp that is the simulated time in milliseconds. A SNIP\_CLOCK (clock function and argument) is passed in a configuration control call to the SGAP which in turn passes it to the SPDM and PDU Router. It is the responsibility of the user application to provide the clock function. SNIP does not keep time for itself, and it does not make any system calls to get the current time. The SNIP\_CLOCK function returns the simulated time in milliseconds.

The definition of the clock function is:

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_CLOCK_FUNC) (
    ADDRESS           installed_arg,
    SNIP_TIME *      ms_time,
    SNIP_ERROR *     status
);
```

The data structure used to pass in the clock function and argument is a SNIP\_CLOCK:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_CLOCK_FUNC    clock_func;
    ADDRESS           clock_arg;
} SNIP_CLOCK;
```

A each SGAP can be configured to use a different SNIP\_CLOCK. If no SNIP\_CLOCK is installed then the simulated time is 0.

The call to configure the SGAP to use a SNIP\_CLOCK is:

```
#include "snp_router.h"

SNIP_CLOCK clock;

clock.clock_func = my_clock_function;
clock.clock_arg = my_clock_arg;

if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id, SNIP_SGAP_SET_CLOCK,
    (ADDRESS) &clock, sizeof (clock), &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

The SPDM will call the SNIP\_CLOCK function on send to put the current time in the outgoing PDU. On receive the SPDM will timestamp the SIU with its best estimate in the current simulation process' simulated time of when the SIU is valid. This SIU timestamp is one of these times listed in order of priority:

- timestamp put in the PDU by the sending simulation process
- time of arrival of the PDU at the communications medium device
- time of reception of the PDU from the communications device

#### **4.8.3.5 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_USING\_ABSOLUTE\_TIME**

For simulation protocols that can use either absolute or relative time this command will set the SPDM into a mode of sending PDUs with an absolute timestamp.

#### **4.8.3.6 SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_USING\_ABSOLUTE\_TIME**

For simulation protocols that can use either absolute or relative time this command will set the SPDM into a mode of sending PDUs with a relative timestamp.

#### **4.8.3.7 SNIP\_SGAP\_EXEC\_SYNC\_WITH\_NET\_CLOCK**

Causes the SGAP timestamp adjustment support software to compare the simulation clock to the network clock so that sender's timestamps placed into the PDUs can be adjusted into the receiver's frame of reference in the SIU.

#### **4.8.3.8 SNIP\_SGAP\_EXEC\_TICK**

Some SPDMs or NDMs may be designed to perform jobs or housekeeping chores based on their state, such as the passage of some increment of time. But since SNIP never runs without being called from the user application, it does not use its own timer or alarm clock. There must be a way for these modules to be told to check the time and take care of any necessary jobs that must be done.

This type of module control is called a tick. When an SGAP is ticked it does any housekeeping jobs that it needs to do and then passes this control indication on to the SPDM and the NDM(s). There is no data passed with a tick, so dummy arguments must be used. An example of the way to tick an SGAP is:

```
int dummy;

if (snip_sgap_control (sgap_id, SNIP_SGAP_EXEC_TICK,
    (ADDRESS) &dummy, sizeof (dummy), &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.8.3.9 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_DESTROY\_ENTITY\_ON\_EXIT**

This is the default mode of an SGAP. When an EXIT SIU is created for an entity (either because the entity timed out or by explicit deactivation) the entity is destroyed. The entity is removed from the SIU manager database, but the entity ID is not reused.

#### **4.8.3.10 SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_DESTROY\_ENTITY\_ON\_EXIT**

The SGAP can be configured to a mode to not destroy an entity when it creates the EXIT SIU. This is used in the CAU so that when the EXIT SIU is translated from one protocol to another it has the current database of information to use.

#### **4.8.3.11 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_USE\_SENDERS\_TIMESTAMP**

This is the default mode of the SGAP. The SGAP keeps track of the difference between each sending simulation application's clock and the receiver's clock and estimates the fixed delay between them. This estimate is used to try and adjust the sender's timestamp in the PDU to the receiver's frame of reference when making the timestamp for the SIU.

#### **4.8.3.12 SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_USE\_SENDERS\_TIMESTAMP**

The SGAP can be configured to a mode to ignore the sender's timestamp in the PDU and to just use the time that the PDU was received as the timestamp in the SIU.

#### **4.8.3.13 SNIP\_SGAP\_EXEC\_RESET\_SYNC\_WITH\_SENDERS\_CLOCKS**

When in the (default) SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_USE\_SENDERS\_TIMESTAMP mode the SGAP may get confused when estimating the best difference between senders' clocks and the receiver's clock. This is because some simulation applications are not well behaved and may have clock jitter and/or drift. Clock jitter cannot be distinguished from variations in network delay. This control command gives the application the opportunity to tell the SGAP to throw out the previous estimates of clock differentials and to start over.

#### **4.8.3.14 SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_APPROXIMATE\_ENTITY\_ON\_RECV**

The SGAP can be configured to call the APPROX Entity Approximation library when receiving or generating an entity SIU. This has the effect of moving the SIU information forward to the current time if the timestamp is some time in the past. This makes sense with the SGAP in SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_USE\_SENDERS\_TIMESTAMP mode. When in SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_USE\_SENDERS\_TIMESTAMP mode the SIU timestamp will already be the current time, so no calculations will be performed.

#### **4.8.3.15 SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_APPROXIMATE\_ENTITY\_ON\_RECV**

This is the default mode of the SGAP. The SGAP will not perform Entity Approximation on the SIU before returning it.

### **4.8.4 SGAP Status**

Every type of configuration described above with the different SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_ commands can be determined by using the snip\_sgap\_status() call. Also, several of the arguments passed in the snip\_sgap\_create\_sgap() call can be determined in the same way. The general format for the snip\_sgap\_status() call is:

```
NATIVE_INT size;

if (snip_sgap_status (sgap_id, SNIP_SGAP_GET_command
    (ADDRESS)&data_structure, &size, &my_err_tree)) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

The data\_structure argument is an instance of the same data structure used to set the configuration. See the manual page on snip\_sgap\_status() for more detailed information.

## 4.9 ENTITY APPROXIMATION

Entities have associated with them a dead reckoning algorithm. The APPROX library has installed into it an Entity Approximation Implementation Module (EAIM) that provides the functions and data structures necessary to perform entity approximation. This installation is indexed by an SGAP ID so that approximation can be done on a per SGAP basis.

For local entities entity approximation includes dead reckoning a model of the entity and comparing that model to the actual entity. If the difference exceeds a specified threshold then it is time to send an SIU to the other simulations in the exercise to keep them current with the local entity's state.

For remote entities entity approximation includes dead reckoning the entity SIU and optionally applying a smoothing algorithm to help reduce visual jitter.

Since different EAIMs can be installed for different SGAPs it is possible to have very different entity approximation and thresholds applied to entities through different SGAPs. Different EAIMs may be installed for various reasons, such as to support different simulation protocols, or because different networks support different bandwidths.

Local entities are approximated per SGAP under the user application's control. Remote entities are approximated using the last SGAP that an SIU was received from.

### 4.9.1 Assigning a Dead Reckoning Algorithm to a Local Entity

Local entities can have a dead reckoning algorithm assigned to them, or they can use the default provided by the configured SPDM.

A dead reckoning algorithm is assigned to an entity by using the function `snip_approx_control()` to pass an `SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG` to the APPROX library.

The `SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG` is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID          entity_id;
    SNIP_DR_ALG          dr_alg;
} SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG;
```

The user application sets the `entity_id` and `dr_alg` and calls:

```
SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG alg;
alg.entity_id = entity_id;
alg.dr_alg = dr_alg;
```

```
if (snip_approx_control (sgap_id, SNIP_APPROX_SET_ENTITY_DR_ALGORITHM,
    (ADDRESS) &alg, sizeof (alg), &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

The choice of dead reckoning algorithm can be changed at any time.

#### **4.9.2 Assigning a Dead Reckoning Algorithm to a Remote Entity**

Remote entities choose their own dead reckoning algorithm to use. This happens either as a default chosen by the simulation protocol in use, or the entity state PDU carries information as to what algorithm to use.

#### **4.9.3 Assigning a Spatial Threshold to a Local Entity**

Local entities can have a spatial threshold assigned to them, or they can use the default provided by the configured SPDM.

A spatial threshold is assigned to an entity by using the function snip\_approx\_control() to pass an SNIP\_APPROX\_THRESHOLDS to the APPROX library.

The SNIP\_APPROX\_THRESHOLDS is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID          entity_id;
    SNIP_MEASUREMENT    location_threshold;
    SNIP_ANGLE           orientation_threshold;
} SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS;
```

The user application sets the entity\_id, location\_threshold, and orientation\_threshold and calls:

```
SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS thresh;

thresh.entity_id = entity_id;
thresh.location_threshold = 1.0;      /* in meters */
thresh.location_threshold.valid_format_map = SNIP_VALID_METRIC;
thresh.orientation_threshold = (DEG_TO_RAD((float64)3.0));
                                         /* in radians */
```

```
if (snip_approx_control (sgap_id, SNIP_APPROX_SET_ENTITY_THRESHOLDS,
    (ADDRESS) &thresh, sizeof (thresh), &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

The choice of spatial thresholds can be changed at any time.

#### **4.9.4 Installing an Entity Approximation Implementation Module**

An EAIM is installed by first setting up and initializing the EAIM library, then installing the EAIM into an SGAP. The setup call will return a SNIP\_EAIM (this example uses an EAIM module known as ladsdr):

```
SNIP_EAIM    *    eaim;

if (snip_ladsdr_setup (&eaim, &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

Then the EAIM is installed into the APPROX library indexed by an SGAP ID:

```
if (snip_approx_control (sgap_id, SNIP_APPROX_SET_EAIM,
    (ADDRESS) &eaim, sizeof (eaim), &my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

#### **4.9.5 Approximating Local Entities**

Local entities are approximated as part of the snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU\_if\_necessary () function. When this function is called the time threshold is first checked. If that is exceeded the entity SIU is sent. If not, the APPROX library is called to approximate a model of the local entity, compare it to the real SIU, and if the difference exceeds the threshold the entity SIU is sent. See the section on snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU\_if\_necessary () .

#### **4.9.6 Approximating Remote Entities**

Remote entities can be approximated at any time by the user application. SNIP does not approximate remote entities unless directed to do so. The function snip\_approx\_approximate\_remote\_entity() is used and will result in changes being made in the remote entity SIU. A Data Format Indicator (DFI) specifies the final format that the data in the SIU should be in. A NULL DFI will cause the results in the SIU to be in whatever format the EAIM selected.

The `snip_approx_approximate_remote_entity()` function takes as arguments:

- a `SNIP_SIU_ID` entity ID
- a `SNIP_TIME` current simulated time
- a pointer to a `SNIP_DATA_FORMAT`
- a pointer to a `SNIP_ERROR`

Below is a simple example of the `snip_approx_approximate_remote_entity()` call:

```
if (snip_approx_approximate_remote_entity (
    entity_id,          /* which entity to approximate */
    current_time,        /* simulated time */
    & format,           /* which coordinate, rotational, and measurement
                           systems to use */
    & my_err_tree) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /* process errors / warnings as desired */
}
```

## **4.10 ENTITY TIMEOUT AND TIME THRESHOLD**

Simulations use a concept of timing out entities so that if a machine has trouble all the other simulation applications will not continue to carry the missing entities in their view of the simulated world.

If an entity is not heard from in some specified amount of time, SNIP will generate a SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT so that the user application will be informed. If the trouble was only temporary and the entity comes back SNIP will reuse the original entity ID but will generate a new SNIP\_ENTITY\_ENTRY\_EVENT.

Simulation applications must pay attention and ensure that SIUs are sent frequently enough so that other simulation applications continue to keep the state of the entity current.

### **4.10.1 Assigning a Receive Timeout Value to a Remote Entity**

The receive timeout value for remote entities is defined by the SPDM and is installed into the TIMEOUT library. There is a call that allows this default to be overridden, but is not documented at this time.

### **4.10.2 Assigning a Transmission Time Threshold Value to a Local Entity**

The transmission time threshold for local entities is defined by the SPDM and is installed into the TIMEOUT library. There is a call that allows this default to be overridden, but is not documented at this time.

### **4.10.3 Timing Out Remote Entities**

The function snip\_sgap\_check\_remote\_entity\_timeout() will check the timeout for a remote entity. If the entity has timed out an indication is not returned right away. Instead the entity is removed from the database and an SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT is created and queued on the loopback queue of the last SGAP to receive an entity SIU for that entity. The next receive from that SGAP will result in the return of the SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT SIU. The SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT SIU contains a pointer to the entity SIU so the user application has a last chance to do any cleanup of the entity.

### **4.10.4 Checking Transmission Time Thresholds for Local Entities**

Local entities are checked for transmission time threshold as part of the snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU\_if\_necessary() function. When this function is called the time threshold is first checked. If that is exceeded the entity SIU is sent. If not, the APPROX library is called to approximate a model of the local entity, compare it to the real SIU, and if the difference exceeds the threshold the entity SIU is sent. See the section on snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU\_if\_necessary().

## 4.11 OBTAINING RAW PROTOCOL PDU'S FROM SNIP

SNIP's layered architecture provides several interfaces a programmer can use to obtain fine grain control over SNIP's operation. Normally, a user application would make calls to SNIP's upper layers to obtain SIU's but often it is necessary to directly access the raw protocol PDU. SNIP provides this interface at the PDU-Router level.

To access raw PDU's, the application programmer must first open a router channel. Then the user may either allocate a PDU buffer, fill the PDU buffer with the data, and send the PDU buffer, or, receive a PDU buffer, retrieve the data from the PDU buffer, and deallocate the PDU buffer.

The following data structure defines the structure of the SNIP\_PDU that is sent and received via the router. This data contains information about the state of SNIP when the protocol PDU was received and a pointer to the actual protocol PDU buffer.

```
typedef struct snip_pdu
{
    ADDRESS buffer;          /* (1) */ /* send */
    NATIVE_INT buf_length;   /* (2) */ /* send */
    ADDRESS arg;             /* (3) */
    NATIVE_INT arg_length;   /* (4) */
    SNIP_BOOLEAN copy_on_buffer; /* (5) */
    SNIP_GROUP group;        /* (6) */
    SNIP_PROTOCOL_ID protocol_id; /* (6) */
    SNIP_TIME timestamp;     /* (7) */
    SNIP_NDM ndm;            /* (8) */
    NATIVE_INT sequence;     /* (9) */
    SNIP_BOOLEAN ntap_owns_buffers; /* (10) */ /* send */
    SNIP_NTAP ntap_desc;     /* (11) */ /* send */
    SNIP_PDU_DIRECTION direction; /* (12) */ /* send */
} SNIP_PDU;
```

- (1) Address of PDU buffer.
- (2) Length of PDU in buffer.
- (3) Address of NDM specific argument.
- (4) Length of NDM specific argument.
- (5) Flag to indicate whether SNIP\_PDU may be retained over subsequent receive calls, or if it is valid only until the next call.
- (6) Group address that the PDU is for.
- (7) Time that the PDU arrived at the net tap in milliseconds, measured since the last time the net tap clock was reset to 0.
- (8) NDM this PDU was received on.
- (9) Sequence number of this PDU from this NDM.
- (10) Should the NDM be told to deallocate the PDU and arg buffers?
- (11) Net Tap this PDU was received on.
- (12) Direction of PDU, incoming or outgoing.

To open a router channel, the router must first be initialized. If a user application will be using SNIP's upper layers as well as directly accessing raw protocol PDU's, this will have been performed by the upper layers previously. To initialize the router, two initialization functions must be called. These functions are:

```
snip_router_setup(
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

and

```
snip_router_init(
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

Following this initialization, a router channel must be opened. This is performed using the following function:

```
snip_router_open(
    SNIP_GROUP group,
    SNIP_PROTOCOL_ID protocol_id,
    SNIP_ROUTER_GROUP_PROTO_RECOG *recog,
    SNIP_ROUTER *router_id,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

This will open the channel for the appropriate group. If the user application will be using SNIP's upper layers as well as directly accessing raw protocol PDU's, then in addition to opening the channel for the group, the programmer will probably want to install PDU Contents Filters in the router channel to select the raw protocol PDU's he wishes to receive from the router. The installation of a PDU Contents Filter is described in the next section.

Once a router channel has been opened, PDU's may be sent an/or received. To send a PDU, the user application must first allocate a PDU buffer using the following function:

```
snip_router_alloc_snip_PDU(
    SNIP_ROUTER router_id,
    SNIP_PDU ** snip_pdu,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

Utilizing the SNIP\_PDU buffer pointed to by snip\_pdu, the user application may then fill the PDU with data and the send the PDU with the following function:

```
snip_router_send(
    SNIP_ROUTER router_id,
    SNIP_PDU *snip_pdu,
    ADDRESS user_arg,
    ADDRESS spdm_arg,
    ADDRESS adm_arg,
    SNIP_SEND_RESULT *send_result,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

This function will send the protocol PDU and deallocate the SNIP\_PDU. If the programmer wishes to maintain a copy of the SNIP\_PDU for use again (i.e. do not let the router deallocate the SNIP\_PDU on send), the router control command SNIP\_ROUTER\_SET\_PDU\_BUFFER\_SAVE\_ON\_SEND may be sent using the router control function:

```
snip_router_control(
    SNIP_ROUTER router_id,
    SNIP_ROUTER_CMD cmd,
    ADDRESS arg,
    NATIVE_INT arg_length,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

To receive a PDU, the user application makes a call to the following function:

```
snip_router_recv(
    SNIP_ROUTER router_id,
    SNIP_PDU **snip_pdu,
    SNIP_RECV_RESULT *recv_result,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

Utilizing the SNIP\_PDU buffer pointed to by snip\_pdu, the user application may then obtain the protocol PDU data needed. Once the user application is finished with the buffer, the buffer needs to be deallocated with the following function:

```
snip_router_dealloc_snip_PDU(
    SNIP_ROUTER router_id,
    SNIP_PDU *snip_pdu,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

**IMPORTANT:** If the user application wishes to access the data in the PDU buffer over multiple calls to the SNIP library, the user application must copy the buffer using the following function:

```
snip_router_copy_for_buffer_snip_PDU(
    SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
    SNIP_PDU *          snip_pdu,
    SNIP_ERROR *        status
)
```

When the user application exits and if the user application is not using the upper SNIP layers, the user application should uninitialized the router by calling the following function:

```
snip_router_uninit(
    SNIP_ERROR *        status
)
```

## 4.12 INSTALLING PDU CONTENTS FILTERS

SNIP provides the capability to install PDU Contents Filters in two of SNIP's lower layers: the NTAP and the PDU-Router. PDU Contents Filters are user application installable functions that are given access to the raw protocol PDU for examination purposes to determine if the PDU should be passed to the next SNIP layer. A PDU Contents Filter may be installed on the send and/or receive side of the NTAP or router.

The PDU contents filter function is defined by the following specification:

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER_FUNC) (
    ADDRESS installed_arg,          /* (1) */
    SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS ntap_address, /* (2) */
    SNIP_PDU_DIRECTION direction,   /* (3) */
    ADDRESS pdu,                  /* (4) */
    NATIVE_INT pdu_length,         /* (5) */
    ADDRESS arg,                  /* (6) */
    NATIVE_INT arg_length,         /* (7) */
    SNIP_BOOLEAN *passed_filter,   /* (8) */
    SNIP_ERROR *status            /* (9) */
)

(1) Arg installed with the filter.
(2) Network address, either who sent to or received from.
(3) SNIP_INCOMING on recv, SNIP_OUTGOING on send.
(4) PDU to filter.
(5) Length of PDU.
(6) NDM argument.
(7) NDM argument length.
(8) Did it pass the filter?
(9) Pointer to SNIP error pointer
```

A pointer to the user application defined function meeting this specification and a pointer to a user application defined argument data structure is loaded into the following data structure:

```
typedef struct {
    SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER_FUNC pdu_filter_func;
    ADDRESS pdu_filter_arg;
} SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER;
```

The PDU Contents Filter is installed in the NTAP using the SNIP\_NTAP\_SET\_SEND\_PDU\_CONTENTS\_FILTER and/or SNIP\_NTAP\_SET\_RECV\_PDU\_CONTENTS\_FILTER commands with the NTAP control function:

```
snip_ntap_control(
    SNIP_NTAP ntap_desc,
    SNIP_NTAP_CMD cmd,
    ADDRESS arg,
    NATIVE_INT arg_length,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

The PDU Contents Filter is installed in the router using the SNIP\_ROUTER\_SET\_SEND\_PDU\_CONTENTS\_FILTER and/or SNIP\_ROUTER\_SET\_RECV\_PDU\_CONTENTS\_FILTER commands with the router control function:

```
snip_router_control(
    SNIP_NTAP ntap_desc,
    SNIP_NTAP_CMD cmd,
    ADDRESS arg,
    NATIVE_INT arg_length,
    SNIP_ERROR *status
)
```

Following the installation, the filter will be called by the NTAP and/or router to examine each incoming and/or outgoing PDU and flag the PDU to be passed or not.

The arg parameter to the filter will be Network Dependent Module (NDM) specific data when the filter is called during receive. An NDM may optionally use this arg pointer to provide information in addition to the PDU as the result of a receive.

The arg parameter to the filter will be NULL when the filter is called during send.

## 4.13 ERROR HANDLING

SNIP provides a sophisticated error handling facility that accommodates multiple warnings and/or a single error within a call sequence, by providing call trace information, error description text, and severity information for each error or warning.

Logically, error information and warning information is treated in the same manner. The only difference between a warning and an error is the severity assigned to the occurrence. SNIP errors have no predefined severity; the severity of a given situation (such as a NULL pointer detected) depends on the circumstances under which it occurs. For the remainder of the section, the term error will signify either error or warning, except as noted. Error description text may be tailored by the user application, and the severity level at which errors are accepted can be configured. The Error Handling facility is optional, and may be disabled completely. Routines are provided for accessing error information in a variety of ways.

### 4.13.1 SNIP\_RESULT

Every SNIP call (except certain calls in the Error Module itself) returns a SNIP\_RESULT. SNIP\_RESULT is a defined enumeration with three values:

```
SNIP_NO_ERROR
SNIP_WARNING_OCCURRED
SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED
```

When SNIP detects that something is wrong, it attempts to take a corrective action or use some default, and issue an appropriate warning; however, in certain cases, this is not feasible. The next operation in a sequence may depend on the result from a previous one; if it appears likely that some error will inevitably lead to a fault (typically BUS ERROR, SEGMENTATION FAULT, or FLOATING POINT EXCEPTION) SNIP will instead generate an error and return control up through the call chain to the user application. In most cases, if a SNIP error is detected, the user application will probably have to do cleanup and exit.

### 4.13.2 SEVERITY

Warnings and errors are categorized into five severity levels. These are defined by the enumerated type SNIP\_ERROR\_SEVERITY:

```
SNIP_INFORMATIONAL_WARNING
SNIP_CONTINUING_WARNING
SNIP_STOPPING_WARNING
SNIP_USER_ERROR
SNIP_INTERNAL_ERROR
```

Informational warnings are the least severe. They usually just remind the user that some parameter has not been specified, resulting in the use of the default.

Continuing warnings are an indication that something may be wrong, but SNIP is attempting to take corrective action and continue.

Stopping warnings are an indication that something is wrong, but SNIP cannot take corrective action. Processing will stop in the function where the problem was detected, but SNIP functions higher in the call tree will attempt to continue.

User errors are generated when some data from the user application (usually function call arguments) have unexpected values (like NULL pointers) and SNIP can not continue.

Internal errors occur when an error other than unusable data from the user application is detected; the most common case is the inability to get some resource, such as dynamic memory.

#### **4.13.3 SNIP\_ERROR**

Every SNIP function except those in the Error Module takes as its last argument a pointer to an incomplete pointer type called SNIP\_ERROR. This pointer is passed through the entire SNIP call chain to maintain a record of all warnings and errors errors, and the calling sequence for each. When returned to the user application the SNIP\_ERROR is the root of a tree (a directed acyclic graph) of error and trace information nodes.

The details of the SNIP\_ERROR type are private to SNIP; the user application must insure that the value of the pointer is never uninitialized. It should be set to NULL when declared. All subsequent calls to SNIP will maintain an appropriate value.

A SNIP\_ERROR returned from any SNIP call can be given to SNIP by the user application when an error or warning is indicated by a SNIP\_RESULT of SNIP\_WARNING\_OCCURRED or SNIP\_ERROR\_OCCURRED.

#### **4.13.4 SNIP Error Structures**

For each error that occurs in SNIP, an a record of the error information is created; this record is called a SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO record. Another record is created for EACH function in the call chain to the function in which the error occurred; this is called a SNIP\_TRACE\_INFO record.

A SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO record is defined as:

```
typedef struct
{
    NATIVE_INT error_number;
    char * error_description;
    char * error_specific;
    char * proc_name;
    char * file_name;
    NATIVE_INT line_number;
    SNIP_BOOLEAN is_traced;
    SNIP_BOOLEAN is_last;
    SNIP_ERROR_SEVERITY severity;
    NATIVE_INT depth;
} SNIP_ERROR_INFO;
```

The `error_number` is a unique number assigned to each error condition recognized by SNIP. There are mnemonic macro definitions for each error defined in the file `snp_error.h`. These macro definitions are also in Appendix A.

The `error_description` is a short text description of the error. This description is read from a file that is specified at the time the user application initializes the Error Module. This allows the descriptions to be tailored by a given application to provide more integrated error messages.

The `error_specific` string contains additional context information from the module detecting the error and should be useful for debugging.

`Proc_name` is the name of the function in which the error was detected.

`File_name` is the name of the source code file in which the function detecting the error is defined.

`Line_number` is the line number in the source code file specified by `file_name` at which the error occurred.

The `is_traced` flag indicates if there is trace information associated with this error. For example, if the user called the function `snip_A` which called the function `snip_B`, and an error occurred in `snip_B`, a trace message identifying `snip_A` would be indicated.

If `is_last` is true, Then this is the last error message in the tree.

`Severity` is one of the four severity levels documented in the section on severity.

Finally, the `depth` field indicates how far down the call tree the error occurred. In the example above, if an error occurred in the function `snip_A`, it would have a `depth` value of 0. If an error occurred in the function `snip_B` (called by `snip_A`) it would have a `depth` value of 1.

A SNIP\_TRACE\_INFO structure looks like:

```
typedef struct
{
    char * trace_specific;
    char * proc_name;
    char * file_name;
    NATIVE_INT line_number;
    SNIP_BOOLEAN is_last;
    NATIVE_INT depth;
} SNIP_TRACE_INFO;
```

It is similar to the error info structure, except that there is no error number, description, or severity associated with a trace. The proc\_name, file\_name, and line\_number indicate the point of the call; is\_last indicates the last trace for a given error message.

#### 4.13.5 Accessing Error Information

##### 4.13.5.1 snip\_error\_dump\_errors()

SNIP provides several methods for accessing the information in SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO SNIP\_TRACE\_INFO structures. The simplest method is to call the snip\_error\_dump\_errors() function. This function is given a SNIP\_ERROR pointer that has been returned from a previous SNIP call that produced an error message, and an open file descriptor to which the dump is directed. The snip\_error\_dump\_errors() function then prints the information for each error and each trace message for that error. Messages are indented by an amount proportional to the depth of the error or trace.

For example,

```
if (snip_error_dump_errors (my_err_tree, stderr) != SNIP_NO_ERROR)
{
    /*
     * Remember that functions in the Error Module do not generate their
     * own error information
     */

    fprintf (stderr,
             "An error occurred processing an error tree.  Make sure the error\
pointer is valid\n");
}
```

might result in the following output:

```
SNIP_ERR_READ_ERROR: Format error processing file
INFORMATIONAL: line 3 <foobar> not recognized; ignoring
in snip_read_file (unit_test.c line 334)
called from snip_init_file (unit_test.c line 406)
attempting to read and process user specified file
called from snip_process_args (unit_test.c line 135)
processing command line argument -f
```

The error message is seen on the first 3 lines. The first line contains the error number and description. The second line specifies the severity and the text generated by the function detecting the error. The third line indicates the function name, file name, and line number at which the problem occurred. In this case, the error occurred in a function called `snip_read_file()`.

The error message is followed by two trace messages. The fourth line shows that the preceding function was `snip_init_file()` and that `snip_init_file()` called `snip_read_file()` in file `init_test.c` on line 406.

The fifth line is the trace message used by `snip_init_file()` at the time of calling `snip_read_file()`.

The sixth line shows the top of the call chain into SNIP. Function `snip_process_args()` was called by the user application. It later called `snip_init_file()` in file `init_test.c` on line 135.

The seventh line is the trace message used when `snip_process_args()` called `snip_init_files()`.

#### **4.13.5.2 snip\_error\_traverse\_tree()**

The `snip_error_dump_errors()` function uses a routine called `snip_error_traverse_tree()` to print the error and trace information in an error tree. The `snip_error_traverse_tree()` routine visits each error node in the error tree and every trace node. The `snip_error_traverse_tree()` routine takes pointers to functions and arguments to be executed each time an error node is visited and each time a trace node is visited. These functions are passed the specified argument as well as the `SNIP_ERROR_INFO` or `SNIP_TRACE_INFO` structures.

The actual code for `snip_error_dump_errors()` is:

```
SNIP_RESULT
snip_error_dump_errors (
    SNIP_ERROR error,           /* an error set to print*/
    FILE *file_stream          /* Where the printed output  */
                                /* should go */
)
{
    return snip_error_traverse_tree (error,
        snip_error_print_error_info, (ADDRESS) file_stream,
        snip_error_print_trace_info, (ADDRESS) file_stream);
}
```

In this case, the functions passed are `snip_error_print_error_info()` and `snip_error_print_trace_info()`; the user specified argument is the open output file stream. The application may define its own routines to be executed at each node in an error tree. The types of the functions to pass are defined as

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_PROCESS_ERROR_FUNC) (

    SNIP_ERROR_INFO * error_info,           /* ptrs to all the strings and
                                              * other trace specific info*/
    ADDRESS error_user_arg                /* defined by user */
);
```

and

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_PROCESS_TRACE_FUNC) (

    SNIP_TRACE_INFO * trace_info,           /* ptrs to all the strings and
                                              * other trace specific info
                                              */
    ADDRESS trace_user_arg                /* defined by user */
);
```

#### 4.13.5.3 `snip_error_get_next_error()`, `snip_error_get_next_trace()`

Just as `snip_error_dump_errors()` uses `snip_error_traverse_tree()`, `snip_error_traverse_tree()` uses the `snip_error_get_next_error()` routine and the `snip_error_get_next_trace()` routine. Given a SNIP\_ERR OR error set, `snip_error_get_next_error()` returns a pointer to a SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO structure for the next error in the set. If the error also has trace messages associated with it (is\_traced) `snip_error_get_next_trace()` can be called to get a pointer to a SNIP\_TRACE\_INFO structure. When the is\_last flag is true on a trace, there is no more trace information for the current error. If the last error retrieved did not have is\_last == true, `snip_error_get_next_error()` can be called again, until the last error is retrieved.

The code for `snip_error_traverse_tree()` illustrates how `snip_error_get_next_error()` and `is_last` are used:

```

SNIP_RESULT
snip_error_traverse_tree (
    SNIP_ERROR error      ,          /* an error identifier, should
                                      * be the top of the error tree
                                      * or subtree to be traversed
                                      */
    SNIP_PROCESS_ERROR_FUNC error_func, /* execute this function for
                                      * each error node in the tree
                                      */
    ADDRESS error_user_arg,           /* defined by user, passed to
                                      * error_func
                                      */
    SNIP_PROCESS_TRACE_FUNC trace_func, /* execute this function for
                                      * each trace node in the error tree
                                      */
    ADDRESS trace_user_arg           /* defined by user, passed to
                                      * trace_func
                                      */
)
{
    SNIP_ERROR_INFO *error_info;    /* Buffer for ptr from get_next_error()
                                      */
    SNIP_TRACE_INFO *trace_info;    /* Buffer for ptr from get_next_trace()
                                      */

    if (error == NULL)
    {
        return SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED;
    }

    else do /* process each error */
    {
        if (snip_error_get_next_error (error, & error_info) ==
            SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED)
        {
            return SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED;
        }

        if (error_func != NULL)
        {
            if ((*error_func)(error_info, error_user_arg) ==
                SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED)
            {
                return SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```
    if (error_info->is_traced && trace_func != NULL)
    {
        do /* process each trace for this error */
        {
            if (snip_error_get_next_trace (&trace_info) ==
                SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED)
            {
                return SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED;
            }

            if ((*trace_func)(trace_info, trace_user_arg) ==
                SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED)
            {
                return SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED;
            }

        } while (! trace_info->is_last);
    }

} while (! error_info->is_last);

return SNIP_NO_ERROR;
}
```

Of course, the user application can always call `snip_error_print_error_info()` and `snip_error_print_trace_info()` directly with any `SNIP_ERROR_INFO` or `SNIP_TRACE_INFO` structure, respectively.

#### 4.13.6 Severity Thresholds

SNIP allows the user application to specify a severity threshold below which errors will be ignored. Hence

```
(void) snip_error_set_silence_threshold (SNIP_SEVERITY_USER_ERROR);
```

will allow only user errors and internal errors to be generated; informational and actual warnings are not be generated. By default, all severities are accepted.

# SECTION 5 SNIP TYPE DECLARATIONS AND MAN PAGES

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## 5.1 SNIP TYPE DECLARATIONS

### SNIP BASIC TYPES

snp\_types.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_BOOLEAN** (data type)

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_FALSE = 0,
    SNIP_TRUE  = 1
} SNIP_BOOLEAN;
```

Given that:

```
int x = 3;
void * v = NULL;
```

These are correct:

```
SNIP_FALSE == !SNIP_TRUE
!SNIP_FALSE == SNIP_TRUE
!x == SNIP_FALSE
```

This is not guaranteed to be correct:

```
v == SNIP_FALSE
```

(A NULL pointer is not guaranteed to be 0.)

However, an "if" statement will evaluate as true ANY non-zero value.

## **SNIP\_RECV\_RESULT (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_SIU_RETURNED = 1,                      (1)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_ENTITY_BUFFERED,                      (2)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_NOT_SUBSCRIBED,                      (3)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_FAILED_BUFFER_FILTER,                 (4)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_FAILED_GEN_FILTER,                   (5)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_NOT_SUPPORTED,                      (6)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_PDU_IGNORED,                        (7)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_BAD_ENTITY_SIU_ON_RECV_QUEUE,       (8)
    SNIP_SGAP_RECV_NO_PDU_BUFFERED,                     (9)

    SNIP_ROUTER_RECV_WRONG_GROUP,                      (10)
    SNIP_ROUTER_RECV_FAILED_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER,        (11)

    SNIP_NTAP_RECV_FAILED_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER,          (12)
    SNIP_NTAP_RECV_FAILED_NETWORK_HEADER_FILTER,        (13)
    SNIP_NTAP_RECV_PDU_RETURNED,                        (14)
    SNIP_NTAP_RECV_NO_PDU_AVAILABLE,                   (15)
    SNIP_NTAP_RECV_OUT_OF_PDU_BUFFERS,                 (16)
}

} SNIP_RECV_RESULT;

(1) An SIU was generated as a result of the recv call
(2) An entity PDU was buffered; no SIU was generated
(3) No SIU was generated because the type of SIU that would
    have been generated is not subscribed to
(4) PDU failed the BUFFER filter
(5) PDU failed the GENERATE filter
(6) the installed SPDM indicated that this PDU was unsupported
(7) the installed SPDM indicated that this PDU should be ignored
(8) Entity SIU was queued on the recv (loopback) queue but entity
    not in the database (destroyed ?)
(9) No entity PDU was buffered for given entity

(10) A PDU was found by the PDU router, but it was not for this SGAP
(11) PDU received, but failed the installed ROUTER PDU contents filter.

(12) PDU received, but failed the installed NTAP PDU contents filter.
(13) PDU received, but failed the NDM network header filter.
(14) Succesful receive
(15) No PDU from the NDM.
(16) All receive buffers in the NDM are full, PDUs being dropped.
```

SNIP\_RECV\_RESULT is a data type enumeration which returns information for the functions that receive SIUs or PDUs.

**SNIP\_SEND\_RESULT (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_SGAP_SEND_NOT_SUBSCRIBED = 1,                      (1)
    SNIP_SGAP_SEND_FAILED_SEND_FILTER,                      (2)
    SNIP_SGAP_SEND_NOT_SUPPORTED,                           (3)
    SNIP_SGAP_SEND_PDU_IN_PROGRESS,                         (4)
    SNIP_SGAP_SEND_NOT_NECESSARY,                           (5)

    SNIP_ROUTER_SEND_FAILED_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER,           (6)

    SNIP_NTAP_SEND_FAILED_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER,             (7)
    SNIP_NTAP_SEND_FAILED,                                (8)
    SNIP_NTAP_SEND_PDU_SENT                                (9)

} SNIP_SEND_RESULT;

(1) The SGAP was not subscribed to send this type of SIU
(2) The SIU did not pass the installed SEND filter
(3) The SPDM or ADM installed indicated that the SIU type was
    not supported
(4) A PDU that requires multiple SIUs was started; no PDU sent
(5) The SIU has not timed out and has not exceed entity approximation
    thresholds so was not sent

(6) PDU failed the installed ROUTER PDU contents filter so not sent.

(7) PDU failed the installed NTAP PDU contents filter so not sent.
(8) NDM failed to send the PDU, but not an error condition.
(9) Succesful send.
```

SNIP\_SEND\_RESULT is a data type enumeration which returns information for the functions that send SIUs or PDUs.

**SNIP\_STATE (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_UNDEFINED,      (1)
    SNIP_SET_UP,        (2)
    SNIP_INITTED        (3)

} SNIP_STATE;
```

- (1) ready to be set up
- (2) ready to be initialized
- (3) initialized

This data type is used internally by SNIP to indicate the current state of each module. A module must be in the SNIP\_INITTED state before any normal use can proceed.

### **SNIP\_TIME (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_TIME;
```

The time in milliseconds. Used for both simulated time in the application, and machine time (such as time of arrival of a PDU).

DEFINED VALUES:

SNIP\_TIME\_UNKNOWN

Used when the time is unknown.

SNIP\_TIME\_MAX

Maximum value that can be expressed by SNIP\_TIME. After reaching SNIP\_TIME\_MAX the time value "rolls over" to 0.

**SNIP**  
**DBSPPT**

snp\_dbsppt.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_ID (data type)**

```
typedef int32 SNIP_ID;
```

This is the type of ID used by the Data base Support Module for DB entries. This data type is typically redefined by client modules.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_DBSPPT_NO_ID
```

Used when a SNIP\_ID is unknown. It is typically redefined to a name suitable to the module using the data base.

**SNIP**  
**TYPSUB**

snp\_tybsub.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_TYPESUB\_KEYSET (data type)**

```
typedef NATIVE_UINT SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET;
```

This data type is used to identify a keyset. A keyset holds information about those SIU types that are of interest. It is made by the Type Subscription Manager on behalf of the user application, which then uses it to configure SGAPs.

## SNIP FORMAT

snp\_format.h (external global scope header file)

### SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE (data type)

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_VALID_3D_ROTATE    valid_format_map;
    SNIP_VALID_3D_ROTATE    allocated_format_map;

    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zyx_z_down;
    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zyx_z_up;
    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zxy_z_down;
    SNIP_EULER_ROTATE       euler_zxy_z_up;

    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zyx_z_down;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zyx_z_up;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zxy_z_down;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE   tmatrix_zxy_z_up;

    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zyx_z_down;
    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zyx_z_up;
    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zxy_z_down;
    SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE quaternion_zxy_z_up;

} SNIP_3D_ROTATE;
```

This data structure can hold multiple formats of 3 dimensional rotational information. The data fields are pointers and have memory allocated only as necessary.

### SNIP\_3D\_VECTOR (data type)

```
typedef float64 SNIP_3D_VECTOR[3];
```

This data type represents a generic 3 dimensional vector.

### SNIP\_3D\_VECTOR\_PTR (data type)

```
typedef float64 * SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR;
```

This data type is a pointer to an element in a SNIP\_3D\_VECTOR.

### SNIP\_ANGLE (data type)

```
typedef float64 SNIP_ANGLE;
```

This data type represents an angle in radians.

### **SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_VALID_BODY_COORDINATES valid_format_map;
    SNIP_VALID_BODY_COORDINATES allocated_format_map;

    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_down_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_down_english;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_up_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zyx_z_up_english;

    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_down_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_down_english;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_up_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR           zxy_z_up_english;

} SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES;
```

A body coordinate describes a location with regard to a rigid body.

This data structure can hold multiple formats of body coordinates. The data fields are pointers and have memory allocated only as necessary.

### **SNIP\_BODY\_COORD\_SYSTEM (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_BOOLEAN      z_up;
    SNIP_BOOLEAN      zyx;
} SNIP_BODY_COORD_SYSTEM;
```

Describes the orientation of a body coordinate system. The Z axis can be out the "top" or "bottom" of the body. The X axis (zyx is SNIP\_TRUE) can be out the "front" of the body, or the Y axis (zyx is SNIP\_FALSE) can be out the "front" of the body. The system is always right-handed.

### **SNIP\_COORD\_SYSTEM (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_CS_IRRELEVANT,
    SNIP_CS_GCC,
    SNIP_CS_TCC,
    SNIP_CS_LEVEL,
    SNIP_CS_LATLON,
    SNIP_CS_UTM_NE,
    SNIP_CS_MILGRID

} SNIP_COORD_SYSTEM;
```

This enumerated data type provides values that indicate the kind of coordinate system being used.

### **SNIP\_EULER\_ANGLE (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_euler_angle
{
    SNIP_ANGLE psi;
    SNIP_ANGLE theta;
    SNIP_ANGLE phi;
} SNIP_EULER_ANGLE;
```

This data structure represents an angle in psi (yaw: +/- pi), theta (pitch: +/- half pi), and phi (roll: +/- pi).

### **SNIP\_EULER\_ROTATE (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_REFERENCE_COORD    reference_coord;
    SNIP_EULER_ANGLE      * angle;
} SNIP_EULER_ROTATE;
```

This data structure describes a rotation around a base Cartesian system.

## **SNIP\_DATA\_FORMAT (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_MEAS_SYSTEM          . meas_sys;           (1)
    SNIP_ROTATE_SYSTEM         . rotate_sys;         (2)
    SNIP_WORLD_COORD_SYSTEM   . reference_world_sys; (3)
    SNIP_BODY_COORD_SYSTEM    . reference_body_sys; (4)
    SNIP_BODY_COORD_SYSTEM    . target_body_sys;    (5)
    SNIP_BOOLEAN               . dual_is_world_coords; (6)
} SNIP_DATA_FORMAT;
```

This data structure is used to identify all the possible information format combinations that are contained in different SNIP data structures used in an SIU and/or articulated part.

- (1) Identifies measurement system.
- (2) Identifies rotation system.
- (3) Identifies world coordinate system.
- (4) If the reference system is associated with a body (not the world)  
this identifies the alignment of the reference body's coordinate system's axes.

Used when allocating SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES or SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE data structures OR when converting rotational information in a SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE from a body reference system to a body target system.

- (5) Identifies how to align the coordinate system's axes to the target body.

Used when converting rotational information in a SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE from a body reference system to a body target system.

- (6) Identifies whether to create WORLD or BODY coordinates for fields that are SNIP\_DUAL\_COORDINATES.

**NOTE:** Unless you really know what you are doing make the reference\_body\_sys and the target\_body\_sys identical. SNIP needs these two fields while doing complex transformations between rotations based on dissimilar coordinate systems. The typical user application will keep these fields the same.

### **SNIP\_LATLON (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_latlon {  
    float64          latitude;  
    float64          longitude;  
    float64          elevation;  
} SNIP_LATLON;
```

A geodetic system, based either on WGS84 or a local datum.

### **SNIP\_LEVEL\_ID (data type)**

```
typedef int32 SNIP_LEVEL_ID;
```

An identifier that is used to identify configuration-specific information for Level Earth coordinates.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_LEVEL_ID_IRRELEVANT
```

### **SNIP\_LEVEL\_RECORD (data type)**

```
typedef SNIP_TCC_RECORD SNIP_LEVEL_RECORD;
```

The SNIP\_LEVEL\_RECORD data type provides caller-specifiable information to define a level earth coordinate.

### **SNIP\_MEAS\_SYSTEM (data type)**

```
typedef enum {  
    SNIP_MS_IRRELEVANT,  
    SNIP_MS_METRIC,  
    SNIP_MS_ENGLISH  
} SNIP_MEAS_SYSTEM;
```

This enumeraasystem being used.

## **SNIP\_MEASUREMENT (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_measurement
{
    SNIP_VALID_MEAS_SYSTEMS valid_format_map;
    float32                  metric;
    float32                  english;
} SNIP_MEASUREMENT;
```

This data structure can hold multiple formats of measurement information.

The following untyped values are used to as a multiplicand to convert between metric and English length measurements.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_FORMAT_CONVERT_METERS_TO_FEET
SNIP_FORMAT_CONVERT_FEET_TO_METERS
```

## **SNIP\_QUATERNION (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    float64      scalar;      (1)
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR  vector;    (2)
} SNIP_QUATERNION;
```

- (1) Cosine of the half angle of the magnitude of rotation.
- (2) Projections of the axis of rotation into the inertial reference frame. Element 0 is X axis, 1 is Y axis, 2 is Z axis.

A quaternion describes the rotation of one coordinate system relative to another. This rotation can be visualized as a single rotation of angle theta about an axis having angles tx, ty and tz with respect to the inertial (not moving) x, y and z axes, respectively.

The quaternion parameters scalar, vector[X\_AXIS], vector[Y\_AXIS] and vector[Z\_AXIS] are related to the above parameters as follows:

```
scalar = cos(theta / 2)

vector[X_AXIS] = cos(tx) * sin(theta / 2)

vector[Y_AXIS] = cos(ty) * sin(theta / 2)
```

```
vector[Z_AXIS] = cos(tz) * sin(theta / 2)
```

DEFINED VALUES:

```
X_AXIS 0
Y_AXIS 1
Z_AXIS 2
```

### **SNIP\_QUATERNION\_ROTATE (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_REFERENCE_COORD    reference_coord;
    SNIP_QUATERNION_PTR    quat;
} SNIP_QUATERNION_ROTATE;
```

Describes a rotation around a base Cartesian system.

### **SNIP\_REFERENCE\_COORD (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_BOOLEAN    reference_is_world_coords;
    union
    {
        SNIP_WORLD_COORD_SYSTEM world;
        SNIP_BODY_COORD_SYSTEM  body;
    } u;
} SNIP_REFERENCE_COORD;
```

Describes the reference coordinate system for a SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE. The reference system can be either one of the world coordinate types, or one of the body coordinate types.

### **SNIP\_ROTATE\_SYSTEM (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_RS_IRRELEVANT,
    SNIP_RS_EULER,
    SNIP_RS_TMATRIX,
    SNIP_RS_QUATERNION
} SNIP_ROTATE_SYSTEM;
```

This enumerated data type provides values that indicate the kind of rotational system being used.

## **SNIP\_TCC\_ID (data type)**

```
typedef int32 SNIP_TCC_ID;
```

An identifier that is used to index in to configuration information for Topocentric coordinates.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_TCC_ID_IRRELEVANT
```

## **SNIP\_TCC\_RECORD (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_tcc_record
{
    struct
    {
        float64 northing;
        float64 easting;
        int32    zone_num;
        char     zone_letter;
    } origin;
    int32    mapping_datum;
    int32    width;
    int32    height;
} SNIP_TCC_RECORD
```

- (1) northing of the southwest corner of TCC
- (2) easting of the southwest corner of TCC
- (3) UTM zone number in which the southwest corner of TCC is found
- (4) UTM zone letter in which the southwest corner of TCC is found
- (5) mapping datum to use
- (6) east-west size of TCC in meters
- (7) south-north size of TCC in meters

Topocentric coordinate system is defined as a right-handed coordinate system with the origin at the southwest corner of the TCC, x axis pointing east y axis pointing north and the z axis pointing up. The width is the east-west size of TCC in meters. The height is the south\_north size of TCC in meters.

### **SNIP\_TMATRIX64 (data type)**

```
typedef float64 SNIP_TMATRIX64[3][3];
```

Represents a 3 X 3 matrix with 64 bit precision.

### **SNIP\_TMATRIX64\_PTR (data type)**

```
typedef float64 (* SNIP_TMATRIX64_PTR)[3];
```

A pointer to the vector in a SNIP\_TMATRIX64.

### **SNIP\_TMATRIX64\_ROTATE (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_REFERENCE_COORD    reference_coord;
    SNIP_TMATRIX64_PTR      matrix;
} SNIP_TMATRIX64_ROTATE;
```

Describes a rotation around a base Cartesian system.

### **SNIP\_UTM\_NE (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_utm_ne
{
    int32                zone;
    float64              northing;
    float64              easting;
    float64              z;
} SNIP_UTM_NE;
```

The SNIP\_UTM\_NE data structure specifies the use of the Topocentric Cartesian Coordinates System. This system is based on the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Coordinates system, and describes a LEVEL (flat earth projection) system.

## **SNIP\_VALID\_3D\_ROTATE (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_VALID_3D_ROTATE;
```

Used for the several possible formats of 3-dimensional rotational systems in a SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE to indicate which have allocated data structures, and which of those data structures have valid information.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_VALID_EULER_ZYX_Z_DOWN
SNIP_VALID_EULER_ZYX_Z_UP
SNIP_VALID_EULER_ZXY_Z_DOWN
SNIP_VALID_EULER_ZXY_Z_UP
SNIP_VALID_TMATRIX_ZYX_Z_DOWN
SNIP_VALID_TMATRIX_ZYX_Z_UP
SNIP_VALID_TMATRIX_ZXY_Z_DOWN
SNIP_VALID_TMATRIX_ZXY_Z_UP
SNIP_VALID_QUATERNION_ZYX_Z_DOWN
SNIP_VALID_QUATERNION_ZYX_Z_UP
SNIP_VALID_QUATERNION_ZXY_Z_DOWN
SNIP_VALID_QUATERNION_ZXY_Z_UP
```

## **SNIP\_VALID\_BODY\_COORDINATES (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_VALID_BODY_COORDINATES;
```

Data type used to specify body coordinates in a variety of formats within a SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES to indicate which have allocated data structures, and which of those data structures have valid information.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_VALID_ZYX_Z_DOWN_METRIC
SNIP_VALID_ZYX_Z_DOWN_ENGLISH
SNIP_VALID_ZYX_Z_UP_METRIC
SNIP_VALID_ZYX_Z_UP_ENGLISH
SNIP_VALID_ZXY_Z_DOWN_METRIC
SNIP_VALID_ZXY_Z_DOWN_ENGLISH
SNIP_VALID_ZXY_Z_UP_METRIC
SNIP_VALID_ZXY_Z_UP_ENGLISH
```

**SNIP\_VALID\_MEAS\_SYSTEMS (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_VALID_MEAS_SYSTEMS;
```

Used for the various formats of measurement systems possible in a SNIP\_MEASUREMENT to indicate which data structures have valid information.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_VALID_METRIC  
SNIP_VALID_ENGLISH
```

**SNIP\_VALID\_WORLD\_COORDINATES (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_VALID_WORLD_COORDINATES;
```

Used for the several possible formats of world coordinates in a SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATES to indicate which have allocated data structures and which data structures have valid information.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_VALID_GCC  
SNIP_VALID_TCC_METRIC  
SNIP_VALID_TCC_ENGLISH  
SNIP_VALID_LEVEL_METRIC  
SNIP_VALID_LEVEL_ENGLISH  
SNIP_VALID_LATLON_WGS84_METRIC  
SNIP_VALID_LATLON_WGS84_ENGLISH  
SNIP_VALID_LATLON_LOCAL_METRIC  
SNIP_VALID_LATLON_LOCAL_ENGLISH  
SNIP_VALID_UTM_NE  
SNIP_VALID_UTM_NE_OVERRIDE  
SNIP_VALID_MILGRID  
SNIP_VALID_MILGRID_OVERRIDE
```

## **SNIP\_WORLD\_COORD\_SYSTEM (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_COORD_SYSTEM    system;          (1)
    union
    {
        SNIP_TCC_ID      tcc_id;          (2)
        SNIP_LEVEL_ID    level_id;        (3)
        SNIP_BOOLEAN     latlon_local_datum; (4)
        SNIP_BOOLEAN     utm_override;    (5)
    } sys_info;
} SNIP_WORLD_COORD_SYSTEM;
```

A coordinate system specifier.

- (1) Identifies the 3D coordinate system
- (2) (3) Index into the FORMAT Module's private information on TCC (2) or level earth (LEVEL) (3) coordinate system.
- (4) SNIP\_TRUE: Use local datum for geodetic (LATLON) coordinate system.  
SNIP\_FALSE: Use WGS84 for for geodetic (LATLON) coordinate system.
- (5) When coordinate system is specified as UTM\_NE or MILGRID:
  - SNIP\_TRUE: Use the zone number specified in the input data (SNIP\_UTM\_NE.zone or SNIP\_MILGRID.zone), overrides internally derived default zone number.
  - SNIP\_FALSE: Ignore the zone specified in the input data (SNIP\_UTM\_NE.zone or SNIP\_MILGRID.zone) and internally derive the default source zone number, using input data specification.

### **SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATES (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_VALID_WORLD_COORDINATES    valid_format_map;
    SNIP_VALID_WORLD_COORDINATES    allocated_format_map;

    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR    gcc;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR    tcc_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR    tcc_english;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR    level_metric;
    SNIP_3D_VECTOR_PTR    level_english;
    SNIP_LATLON *         latlon_wgs84_metric;
    SNIP_LATLON *         latlon_wgs84_english;
    SNIP_LATLON *         latlon_local_datum_metric;
    SNIP_LATLON *         latlon_local_datum_english;
    SNIP_UTM_NE *         utm_ne;
    SNIP_UTM_NE *         utm_ne_override;
    SNIP_MILGRID *        milgrid;
    SNIP_MILGRID *        milgrid_override;

} SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES;
```

This data structure can hold multiple formats of world coordinate information. The data fields are pointers and have memory allocated only as necessary.

### **SNIP\_VALID\_DUAL\_COORDINATES (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_VALID_DUAL_COORDINATES;
```

Used for two possible coordinate types, world and body in SNIP\_DUAL\_COORDINATES to indicate which have allocated data structures and which data structures have valid information.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_VALID_WORLD_COORD
SNIP_VALID_BODY_COORD
```

### **SNIP\_DUAL\_COORDINATES (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_VALID_DUAL_COORDINATES    valid_format_map;
    SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES        world;
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES        body;
} SNIP_DUAL_COORDINATES;
```

This data structure can hold multiple coordinates. The data fields are pointers and have memory allocated only as necessary.

**SNIP**  
**SIUMGR**

snp\_siugr.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_ART\_PART\_NUMBER (data type)**

```
typedef int32 SNIP_ART_PART_NUMBER;
```

Used to number each articulated part within a part class for an entity with a unique number.

**SNIP\_ART\_PART\_RECORD (data type)**

```
typedef struct art_part_record
{
    SNIP_ART_PART_NUMBER      part_number;          (1)
    SNIP_SIU_CLASS            part_class;           (2)
    SNIP_ARTICULATION_TYPES  articulation_map;     (3)
    SNIP_ARTICULATION_STATE  part_state;           (4)
    struct art_part_record * parent;                (5)
    struct art_part_record * sibling;               (6)
    struct art_part_record * back_sibling;         (7)
    struct art_part_record * child;                (8)
    struct snip_siu          * base;                 (9)
    ADDRESS                  sim_specific_ptr;      (10)
    ADDRESS                  app_specific_ptr;      (11)

} SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD;
```

- (1) The per entity enumeration of articulated parts of a given SNIP\_SIU\_CLASS; starts at 1 and increments.
- (2) Defines what kind of articulated part this is.
- (3) If a type of articulation is valid then it is allocated.
- (4) Current state of articulation of the part.
- (5) (6) (7) (8) Pointers used to build a tree of parts.
- (9) Pointer to base SIU that oldest ancestor is attached to.
- (10) Simulation-type-specific information.
- (11) Application-specific information.

## **SNIP\_ARTICULATION\_STATE (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    struct
    {
        struct
        {
            SNIP_SIU_TYPE           siu_type;      (1)
            SNIP_SIU_CLASS          entity_class; (2)
            SNIP_BOOLEAN            attached;     (3)
        } detachable;                      (4)

        struct
        {
            SNIP_BOOLEAN            dr_needed;    (5)
            SNIP_PROPORIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE fixed_path; (6)
            SNIP_PROPORIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE extension; (7)
            SNIP_LINEAR_KINEMATIC_STATE    position;     (8)
            SNIP_ROTATIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE rotate_state; (9)
        } moveable;                      (10)
    } motion;                         (11)
} SNIP_ARTICULATION_STATE;
```

- (1) If this part detaches and becomes its own entity, this is the SNIP\_SIU\_TYPE that it is.
- (2) If this part detaches and becomes its own entity, this is the SNIP\_SIU\_CLASS that it is.
- (3) Flag to indicate that the part is attached or detached.
- (4) Flag to indicate whether or not the part should be dead reckoned.
- (5) For parts that are detachable.
- (6) The part moves along a predefined fixed path.
- (7) The part can extend or "telescope".
- (8) The part can change location on its parent.
- (9) The part can rotate.
- (10) For parts that are moveable.
- (11) Union of types of motion.

An articulated part normally is either detachable or moveable, but may be able to do both.

## **SNIP\_ARTICULATION\_TYPES (data type)**

```
typedef uint16 SNIP_ARTICULATION_TYPES;
```

Kinds of motion that are possible. A part can have either the value SNIP\_ART\_TYPE\_STATION to indicate that it is unmoving, or it will have one or more of the rest of the relevant defined values.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_ART_TYPE_IRRELEVANT
SNIP_ART_TYPE_STATION
SNIP_ART_TYPE_FIXED_PATH
SNIP_ART_TYPE_EXTENSION
SNIP_ART_TYPE_LINEAR_X
SNIP_ART_TYPE_LINEAR_Y
SNIP_ART_TYPE_LINEAR_Z
SNIP_ART_TYPE_ROTATE_YAW
SNIP_ART_TYPE_ROTATE_PITCH
SNIP_ART_TYPE_ROTATE_ROLL
```

## **SNIP\_ATDM (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_tdm_record * SNIP_ATDM;
```

Incomplete type used to differentiate ATDMs. The struct snip\_tdm\_record is defined in the global SNIP scope header file snl\_siumgr.h.

## **SNIP\_COLLISION\_EVENT (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES    location;      (1)
    SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES   velocity;      (2)
    SNIP_MEASUREMENT         mass;          (3)

} SNIP_COLLISION_EVENT;

(1) Location of collision on affected entity.
(2) Velocity of initiating entity at time of collision.
(3) Mass of the initiating entity at time of collision.
```

The SNIP\_COLLISION\_EVENT data structure generates a collision-type event SIU when two entities collide.

## **SNIP\_COMMON\_ENTITY\_INFO (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID           entity_id;          (1)
    SNIP_DR_ALG           dr_alg;             (2)
    SNIP_GENERIC_APPEARANCE appearance;        (3)
    SNIP_GENERIC_CAPABILITIES capabilities;    (4)
    SNIP_3D_ROTATE        orientation;        (5)
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES angular_velocity;  (6)
    SNIP_DUAL_COORDINATES velocity;          (7)
    SNIP_DUAL_COORDINATES acceleration;      (8)
    SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD  * art_parts;         (9)
    NATIVE_INT             art_part_count;    (10)
    SNIP_BOOLEAN            art_part_dr_needed; (11)
} SNIP_COMMON_ENTITY_INFO;

(1) ID of the entity.
(2) What dead reckoning algorithm to use for this entity.
(3) Appearance information.
(4) Capabilities information.
(5) Orientation with respect to the world.
(6) Speed of rotation.
(7) Linear velocity.
(8) Linear acceleration.
(9) Art parts tree.
(10) Number of art parts in tree.
(11) Flag to indicate whether or not any of the articulated parts should
     be dead reckoned. SNIP_FALSE if no articulated parts need dead
     reckoning, SNIP_TRUE if at least one articulated part needs
     dead reckoning.
```

The SNIP\_COMMON\_ENTITY\_INFO data structure provides generic information that is present for all entities regardless of the type of simulation or application.

### SNIP\_COMMON\_EVENT\_INFO (data type)

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID      event_id;          (1)
    SNIP_SIU_ID      causal_event_id;   (2)
    SNIP_SIU_ID      initiating_entity; (3)
    SNIP_SIU_ID      affected_entity;   (4)
    SNIP_EVENT_SPECIFIC event_specific; (5)

} SNIP_COMMON_EVENT_INFO;

(1) ID of event.
(2) ID of related event that preceded (caused) this event.
(3) ID of entity that initiated the event.
(4) ID of entity that was affected by the event.
(5) Information about the particular kind of event if it is a
    generic event. This field is undefined for simulation-specific
    and application-specific events.
```

The SNIP\_COMMON\_EVENT\_INFO data structure provides the generic information that is present for all events regardless of type of simulation or application. The event\_specific specific information is present as a union rather than as a generic pointer to make the data structures a little easier to use.

### SNIP\_COMMON\_INFO (data type)

```
typedef union
{
    SNIP_COMMON_ENTITY_INFO entity;      (1)
    SNIP_COMMON_EVENT_INFO  event;        (2)
} SNIP_COMMON_INFO;

(1) Generic information for entities.
(2) Generic information for events.
```

An SIU is either an entity or an event.

## **SNIP\_DR\_ALG (data type)**

```
typedef uint8 SNIP_DR_ALG;
```

Nominal enumeration of dead reckoning algorithms.

DEFINED VALUES:

SNIP_DR_ALG_OTHER	(1)
SNIP_DR_ALG_STATIC	(2)
SNIP_DR_ALG_FPW	(3)
SNIP_DR_ALG_RPW	(4)
SNIP_DR_ALG_RVW	(5)
SNIP_DR_ALG_FVW	(6)
SNIP_DR_ALG_FPB	(7)
SNIP_DR_ALG_RPB	(8)
SNIP_DR_ALG_RVB	(9)
SNIP_DR_ALG_FVB	(10)
SNIP_DR_ALG_INVALID	(11)

- (1) Undefined.
- (2) Does not move.
- (3) Fixed (no rotation), position (1st order location), world coordinates.
- (4) Rotational, position (1st order location), world coordinates.
- (5) Rotational, velocity (2nd order location), world coordinates.
- (6) Fixed (no rotation), velocity (2nd order location), world coordinates.
- (7) Fixed (no rotation), position (1st order location), body coordinates.
- (8) Rotational, position (1st order location), body coordinates.
- (9) Rotational, velocity (2nd order location), body coordinates.
- (10) Fixed (no rotation), velocity (2nd order location), body coordinates.
- (11) Used as a sentinel value.

## **SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    struct snip_siu *siu;           (1)
    SNIP_EXIT_REASON reason;       (2)
}
```

} SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT;

- (1) SIU of entity that has exited.
- (2) Why entity has left exercise.

The event generated when an entity leaves an exercise.

**SNIP\_EVENT\_SPECIFIC (data type)**

```
typedef union
{
    SNIP_ENTITY_EXIT_EVENT    exit;          (1)
    SNIP_COLLISION_EVENT     collision;      (2)
} SNIP_EVENT_SPECIFIC;

(1)  Information for exit events.
(2)  Information for collision events.
```

The SNIP\_EVENT\_SPECIFIC contains information that is particular to the kind of generic event.

DEFINED VALUES:

**SNIP\_EXIT\_REASON (data type)**

```
typedef NATIVE_INT SNIP_EXIT_REASON;
```

Why an entity has left the exercise.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_EXIT_REASON_OTHER
SNIP_EXIT_REASON_DEACTIVATED
SNIP_EXIT_REASON_TIMED_OUT
```

**SNIP\_GENERIC\_APPEARANCE (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_GENERIC_APPEARANCE;
```

How any entity could appear.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_ENTITY_DESTROYED
```

## **SNIP\_GENERIC\_CAPABILITIES (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_GENERIC_CAPABILITIES;
```

What any entity could do.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_REPAIR
```

```
SNIP_RECOVERY
```

## **SNIP\_LINEAR\_KINEMATIC\_STATE (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES * location;    (1)
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES * velocity;    (2)

} SNIP_LINEAR_KINEMATIC_STATE;
```

(1) Current location within its own body coordinate system.

(2) Current velocity within its own body coordinate system.

The current linear kinematic state of an articulated part. All linear motion art parts will originate with their kinematic information being in the same system as the entity base. Later they may have format conversions done that store their current kinematic information in any valid system supported by SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES.

## **SNIP\_PROPORTIONAL\_KINEMATIC\_STATE (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    float64 placement;          (1)
    float64 linear_speed;      (2)

} SNIP_PROPORTIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE;

(1) Position as a percentage.
(2) Linear speed in percent per second.
```

### SNIP\_ROTATIONAL\_KINEMATIC\_STATE (data type)

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_3D_ROTATE          * rotation;          (1)
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES   * angular_velocity; (2)

} SNIP_ROTATIONAL_KINEMATIC_STATE;

(1) Current orientation within its own rotational system.
(2) Current angular velocity within its own rotational system.
```

The current rotational kinematic state of an art part. All rotational art parts will originate with their rotational information being in the same system as the entity base. Later they may have format conversions done that stores their current rotational information in any valid rotational system supported by SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE or SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES.

### SNIP\_SIU (data type)

```
typedef struct snip_siu
{
    SNIP_SIU_TYPE           siu_type;          (1)
    SNIP_SIU_CLASS          class;             (2)
    SNIP_SIU_ORIGIN          origin;            (3)
    SNIP_SIUMGR              siumgr_id;         (4)
    SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES   location;          (5)
    SNIP_TIME                 timestamp;         (6)
    SNIP_COMMON_INFO          common;            (7)
    ADDRESS                  sim_specific_ptr; (8)
    ADDRESS                  app_specific_ptr; (9)

} SNIP_SIU;
```

- (1) SIU type defines the data structures that make up this SIU. SIU type may be of either generic, simulation specific, or application specific domains.
- (2) Siu class defines the information stored in the SIU. Class distinguishes among several possible entities or events that may be represented by a single SIU type.
- (3) Either local or remote.
- (4) ID of SIU manager used for allocating and deallocating.
- (5) Location in the simulated world.
- (6) Simulated time that SIU was last updated. For local entities set by user application, for remote entities set by SNIP on SIU generation and on remote entity approximation. For all events it is the time the event occurred.
- (7) This is a union of two structures that contain either info common to all events or info common to all entities.
- (8) Pointer to a simulation specific data structure as defined by the Simulation Type Dependent Module (STDM).
- (9) Pointer to an application specific data structure as defined by the Application Type Dependent Module (ATDM).

The SNIP\_SIU is the fundamental data structure that represents all entities and events. It is simulation-protocol-independent, and allows for storing information in multiple formats. The SNIP\_SIU contains generic information common to all entities and events, and two pointers to more specific information.

The sim\_specific\_ptr will point to a data structure specific to the type of simulation as defined by the STDM, which is registered with the SIU manager.

When SIUs are generated from PDUs, and when PDUs are generated from SIUs, the SPDM understands both the generic and simulation type specific portions of the SIU.

The app\_specific\_ptr will point to a data structure specific to the type of application as defined by the ATDM, which is registered with the SIU manager.

When SIUs are generated from PDUs, and when PDUs are generated from SIUs, the ADM understands application-specific portion of the SIU, and may understand both the generic and the simulation-type-specific portions of the SIU.

**SNIP\_SIU\_CLASS (data type)**

```
typedef union
{
    struct
    {
        uint32 first;          (1)
        uint32 second;         (2)
    } compare;             (3)
    struct
    {
        uint8  environment;   (4)
        uint8  category;      (5)
        uint16 country;       (6)
        uint8  sub_category;  (7)
        uint8  specific;      (8)
        uint8  extra;          (9)
        uint8  ancillary;     (10)
    } field;                (11)
} SNIP_SIU_CLASS;

(1) First 32 bits
(2) Second 32 bits
(3) Used for easy comparisons of equivalency.
(4) The external environment that the entity or event exists in
    (e.g., air, land, water, underwater, underground, space, etc.).
(5) Defines the largest differentiation to distinguish within an SIU_TYPE.
(6) Country of manufacture.
(7)(8)(9)(10) Provides finer differentiation.
(11) Used for field by field comparisons.
```

The SIU class defines the contents of an SIU, and how to interpret the fields of a given SIU type. The SIU class is also known as the object type.

The values of the fields in the SNIP\_SIU\_CLASS are either simulation type or application specific. These values are defined in the SPDM and the ADM. SNIP does not define generic values.

DEFINED VALUES: (used to set bits in the compare fields)

```
for the first 32 bits

SNIP_ENVIRONMENT_SHIFT
SNIP_CATEGORY_SHIFT
SNIP_COUNTRY_SHIFT
```

for the second 32 bits

SNIP\_SUB\_CATEGORY\_SHIFT  
SNIP\_SPECIFIC\_SHIFT  
SNIP\_EXTRA\_SHIFT  
SNIP\_ANCILLARY\_SHIFT

### **SNIP\_SIU\_EXIST\_KIND (data type)**

```
typedef unsigned int SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND;
```

Existence is either entity (permanent) or event (momentary).

DEFINED VALUES:

SNIP\_SIU\_EXIST\_KIND\_ENTITY  
SNIP\_SIU\_EXIST\_KIND\_EVENT

### **SNIP\_SIU\_ID (data type)**

```
typedef SNIP_ID SNIP_SIU_ID;
```

The data type for entity IDs and event IDs.

### **SNIP\_SIU\_ORIGIN (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_SIU_ORIGIN_LOCAL = 0,
    SNIP_SIU_ORIGIN_REMOTE
} SNIP_SIU_ORIGIN;
```

The origin of an entity or event is either on this host (local), or on some other host and transmitted across the network (remote).

### **SNIP\_SIU\_TYPE (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_SIU_TYPE;
```

The SIU type defines the data structures in the SIU. Knowing the SIU type allows one to follow pointers and know the data types pointed to.

DEFINED VALUES:

SNIP\_SIU\_TYPE\_IRRELEVANT

**SNIP\_SIUMGR (data type)**

```
typedef uint32 SNIP_SIUMGR;
```

Used to distinguish SIU Managers. Each SIU Manager is configured to use an STDM and an ATDM.

**SNIP\_SIUMGR\_TRAVERSE\_ART\_PART\_TREE\_FUNC (function type)**

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_SIUMGR_TRAVERSE_ART_PART_TREE_FUNC) (
    ADDRESS           traverse_art_part_tree_arg,
    SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD * art_part,
    SNIP_ERROR        * status
);
```

This function type is an argument to snip\_siumgr\_traverse\_art\_part\_tree() which calls it for every art part in the tree.

**SNIP\_STDM (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_tdm_record * SNIP_STDM;
```

Incomplete type used to differentiate STDMs. The structure snip\_tdm\_record is defined in the global SNIP scope header file snl\_siumgr.h.

**SNIP**  
**SGAP**

snp\_sgap.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_ADM (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_dm_record * SNIP_ADM;
```

Incomplete type used to distinguish ADMs. The structure snip\_dm\_record is defined in the global SNIP scope header file snl\_sgap.h.

**SNIP\_GLOBAL\_ID (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    uint32 first_four_bytes;      (1)
    uint32 second_four_bytes;     (2)
} SNIP_GLOBAL_ID;

(1) first half of the global ID
(2) second half of the global ID
```

It is assumed that each entity is simulated by only one simulation process at a time (although an entity may get "handed off" from one process to another), and is only represented on the network in one simulation protocol at a time. Events exist for only a single PDU. Each simulation protocol family has a way to uniquely identify entities and events.

Therefore a global ID that can be passed back and forth between simulation processes need only contain information that makes sense to the SPDMs that support the simulation protocol family in use. Each SPDM can translate the global ID into an SIU ID.

A SNIP global ID corresponding to an entity or event SIU ID can then be given to any other SNIP process to determine the other processes' SIU ID for the same entity or event, PROVIDED that the SGAPs used are configured with SPDMs that are in the same simulation protocol family.

### **SNIP\_SGAP\_TIMEOUT\_PER\_SIU\_TYPE (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_TYPE    siu_type;      /* (1) */
    SNIP_TIME        time;         /* (2) */
} SNIP_SGAP_TIMEOUT_PER_SIU_TYPE;
```

- (1) Given timeout is associated with data structure defined by given siu type. SIU type may be of either generic, simulation specific, or application specific domains.
- (2) Time for timeout.

### **SNIP\_PROTO\_DEFAULTS (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_TIME          rto;          (1)
    SNIP_TIME          default_ttt;  (2)
    SNIP_DR_ALG       default_dr_alg; (3)
    SNIP_MEASUREMENT default_location_thresh; (4)
    SNIP_ANGLE         default_orientation_thresh; (5)
    SNIP_BOOLEAN       use_default_dr_alg_only; (6)
    SNIP_DATA_FORMAT  format;       (7)

} SNIP_PROTO_DEFAULTS;
```

- (1) Remote timeout in milliseconds.
- (2) Default transmission time threshold in milliseconds.
- (3) Default dead reckoning algorithm.
- (4) Default DR position thresholds.
- (5) Default DR orientation thresholds.
- (6) Simulation protocol supports only one choice of DR algorithm
- (7) Default format for SIUs that this depend module fills in.

The SNIP\_PROTO\_DEFAULTS data structure provides default values used for approximating the simulation protocol entity location.

### **SNIP\_SGAP (data type)**

```
typedef SNIP_ID SNIP_SGAP;
```

Identifier for an SGAP.

### **SNIP\_APPLICATION\_ID (data type)**

```
typedef SNIP_ID SNIP_APPLICATION_ID;
```

identifies a unique application

### **SNIP\_SGAP\_NTAP\_INFO (data type)**

```
typedef struct {
    SNIP_NTAP    ntap_desc;    (1)
    char        * device;      (2)
    SNIP_NDM    ndm;          (3)
} SNIP_SGAP_NTAP_INFO;
```

- (1) open net tap descriptor
- (2) name of communications medium device
- (3) NDM identifier

Used to convey information about the configuration status of an SGAP.

### **SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_NTAP\_LIST\_ARGS (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    ADDRESS    spdm_info;      (1)
    ADDRESS    ndm_info;       (2)
    SNIP_NDM    ndm;          (3)
    char        * device;      (4)
    SNIP_NTAP    ntap_desc;    (5)
} SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST_ARGS;
```

- (1) SPDM-specific argument
- (2) NDM-specific argument
- (3) NDM identifier
- (4) Name of communications medium device
- (5) Network tap descriptor

Used to configure an SGAP. On return the ntap\_desc holds the network tap descriptor that can be used by the user application for unique configuration and control of the NDM.

### **SNIP\_SGAP\_SUBSCRIPTION (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_BOOLEAN      subscribed; (1)
    SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET keyset;      (2)
} SNIP_SGAP_SUBSCRIPTION;

(1) Flag to indicate if the user has provided a send subscription
(2) Subscription handle to give to the Type Subscription Module
```

This structure is used to represent a SIU TYPE subscription within an SGAP. Note that the SGAP maintains subscription information for sending and receiving, but only performs send type checking; recv type checking is performed by the SPDM.

### **SNIP\_SGAP\_CMD (data type)**

```
typedef NATIVE_INT SNIP_SGAP_CMD;
```

Indicates desired operation for snip\_sgap\_control() and snip\_sgap\_status().

### **SNIP\_SIU\_STATS (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_NTAP      receiving_ntap;   (1)
    NATIVE_INT    sequence_no;      (2)
} SNIP_SIU_STATS;
```

- (1) An indication of the net tap source of the SIU
- (2) Receive order within a net tap

Return information for the calls snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU() and snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU(). Used to determine the oldest SIU available among multiple SGAPs.

### **SNIP\_SPDM (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_dm_record * SNIP_SPDM;
```

Incomplete data type used to differentiate SPDMs. The structure snip\_dm\_record is defined in the global SNIP scope header file snl\_sgdp.h.

**SNIP  
APPROX**

snp\_approx.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_EAIM (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_approx_record * SNIP_EAIM;
```

Incomplete type used to distinguish EAIM. The structure  
snip\_approx\_record is defined in the global SNIP scope header file  
snl\_approx.h.

**SNIP\_APPROX\_THRESHOLDS (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID      entity_id;          (1)
    SNIP_MEASUREMENT location_threshold; (2)
    SNIP_ANGLE       orientation_threshold; (3)
} SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS;

(1) Entity ID
(2) Default location threshold
(3) Default orientation_threshold
```

**SNIP\_APPROX\_ENTITY\_DR\_ALG (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_SIU_ID      entity_id;          (1)
    SNIP_DR_ALG      dr_alg;             (2)
} SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG;

(1) Entity ID
(2) Dead reckoning alogrithm
```

**SNIP\_APPROX\_SGAP\_DR\_ALG (data type)**

```
typedef struct {
    SNIP_BOOLEAN      use_sgap_dr_alg_only;          (1)
    SNIP_DR_ALG      dr_alg;                          (2) }
SNIP_APPROX_SGAP_DR_ALG;
```

(1) Sets whether to use the SGAP default DR algorithm or one set explicitly for this entity  
(2) Dead reckoning algorithm

**SNIP  
ROUTER**

snp\_router.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_GROUP (data type)**

```
typedef uint16 SNIP_GROUP;
```

SNIP\_GROUP identifies the group that an SGAP is configured to communicate with.

**SNIP\_PROTOCOL\_ID (data type)**

```
typedef uint16 SNIP_PROTOCOL_ID;
```

Uniquely identifies the simulation protocol in use by a particular group that an SGAP is configured to communicate with; the ID is passed through its configured NDMs. The SNIP\_PROTOCOL\_ID is made up of 8 bits of family identifier, and 8 bits of protocol identifier with a family.

**SNIP\_CLOCK (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    SNIP_CLOCK_FUNC      clock_func;
    ADDRESS              clock_arg;
} SNIP_CLOCK;
```

A pointer to a clock function and a pointer argument that is passed to the clock function.

DEFINED VALUES:

### **SNIP\_CLOCK\_FUNC (function type)**

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_CLOCK_FUNC) (
    ADDRESS           installed_arg,      (1)
    SNIP_TIME *       ms_time,           (2)
    SNIP_ERROR *      status            (3)
);
```

- (1) The argument installed with the clock
- (2) The time returned, in milliseconds
- (3) The pointer to SNIP error pointer

The installed clock function is used by SNIP modules to allow them to determine the current time.

**SNIP**  
**NTAP**

snp\_ntap.h (external global scope header file)

**SNIP\_NDM (data type)**

```
typedef struct snip_ndm_record * SNIP_NDM;
```

This data type uses an incomplete pointer to allow the user application to select different NDMs to install. The data structure snip\_ndm\_record is defined in the global SNIP scope header file snl\_ntap.h.

**SNIP\_NTAP (data type)**

```
typedef NATIVE_INT SNIP_NTAP;
```

SNIP\_NTAP is the descriptor returned when opening the Network Tap Module. It starts at 0 and increments.

DEFINED VALUES:

```
SNIP_NTAP_DESCRIPTOR_INVALID
```

## **SNIP ERROR**

snp\_error.h (external global scope header file)

### **SNIP\_ERROR (data type)**

```
typedef struct LIBERROR_ERROR_RECORD *SNIP_ERROR;
```

SNIP\_ERROR is an incomplete type is for public consumption. A SNIP\_ERROR is returned by calling snip\_error\_get\_next\_error(), and is passed into various ERROR functions.

### **SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    NATIVE_INT error_number;          (1)
    char * error_description;        (2)
    char * error_specific;          (3)
    char * proc_name;               (4)
    char * file_name;               (5)
    NATIVE_INT line_number;          (6)
    SNIP_BOOLEAN is_traced;          (7)
    SNIP_BOOLEAN is_last;            (8)
    SNIP_ERROR_SEVERITY severity;    (9)
    NATIVE_INT depth;                (10)
} SNIP_ERROR_INFO;

(1) error number from.snp_error.h (SNIP_ERR_... see DEFINED VALUES
     below)
(2) a description of the error type from the parameter file
(3) details and context of the error from the generator of the error
(4) name of function where error occurred
(5) name of file containing the function
(6) line number in the file where the error occurred
(7) if trace information is available for this error,
     snip_error_get_next_trace() is called
(8) if this the last error, snip_error_get_next_error() is not called
     anymore
(9) Severity
(10) Depth at which the error occurred
```

DEFINED VALUES (for error\_number):

```
SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_ERROR
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR
SNIP_ERR_FILE_ACCESS
SNIP_ERR_READ_ERROR
SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY
SNIP_ERR_LIMIT_EXCEEDED
SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR
SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE
SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED
SNIP_ERR_MATH_ERROR
SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_PARAMETER
SNIP_ERR_PARAMETER_REQUIRED
SNIP_ERR_CREATE_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_DESTROY_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_OPEN_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_CLOSE_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_SEND_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_RECV_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR
SNIP_ERR_PDU_ERROR
SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN
SNIP_ERR_NOT_NECESSARY
SNIP_ERR_CONTROL_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_STATUS_FAILED
SNIP_ERR_NOT_SUPPORTED
SNIP_ERR_COORD_CONVERT_ERROR
SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_CONFIGURATION
```

SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO is the data structure that is available to the user from error nodes recorded in the call tree by the ERROR Module. A SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO is returned by `snip_error_get_next_error()`, and is passed as an argument to a function of type SNIP\_PROCESS\_ERROR\_FUNC. (A function of type SNIP\_PROCESS\_ERROR\_FUNC is one of the arguments to `snip_error_traverse_tree()`.)

## **SNIP\_ERROR\_SEVERITY (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_ACCEPT_ALL_ERRORS = 0,      (0)
    SNIP_INFORMATIONAL_WARNING = 1, (1)
    SNIP_CONTINUING_WARNING = 2,    (2)
    SNIP_STOPPING_WARNING = 3,      (3)
    SNIP_USER_ERROR = 4,            (4)
    SNIP_INTERNAL_ERROR = 5        (5)
} SNIP_ERROR_SEVERITY;

(0) Forces all warnings and errors to be accepted.
(1) Potentially useful information from SNIP
(2) Warning that some default value/behavior has been used, and that
    processing can continue.
(3) Warning that no reasonable can continue, will return immediately.
(4) Error that is (probably) the user's fault
(5) Internal problem, like out of memory or an unexpected internal
    inconsistency
```

All warnings and errors in the call tree are assigned a severity. The user application can use the severity levels to set the sensitivity of the ERROR Module by passing a severity to `snip_error_set_silence_threshold()`.

## **SNIP\_PROCESS\_ERROR\_FUNC (function type)**

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_PROCESS_ERROR_FUNC) (
    SNIP_ERROR_INFO *    error_info,
    ADDRESS              error_user_arg    /* defined by user */
);
```

This function type is used as an argument to the function `snip_error_traverse_tree()`. A user can write a function of this type and perform application-specific actions on a call tree that was created as a result of errors. This call is invoked at each error node.

### **SNIP\_PROCESS\_TRACE\_FUNC (function type)**

```
typedef SNIP_RESULT (*SNIP_PROCESS_TRACE_FUNC) (
    SNIP_TRACE_INFO *    trace_info,
    ADDRESS              trace_user_arg      /* defined by user */
);
```

This function type is used as an argument to `snip_error_traverse_tree()`. A user can write a function of this type and perform application-specific actions on a call tree that was created as a result of errors. This call is invoked at each trace node.

### **SNIP\_RESULT (data type)**

```
typedef enum
{
    SNIP_NO_ERROR,          (1)
    SNIP_WARNING_OCCURRED, (2)
    SNIP_ERROR_OCCURRED    (3)
} SNIP_RESULT;

(1) No Error occurred
(2) At least one warning was generated
(3) At least one error was generated
```

`SNIP_RESULT` is the data type that returns the completion status for all `SNIP` functions.

## **SNIP\_TRACE\_INFO (data type)**

```
typedef struct
{
    char * trace_specific;          (1)
    char * proc_name;              (2)
    char * file_name;              (3)
    NATIVE_INT line_number;        (4)
    SNIP_BOOLEAN is_last;          (5)
    NATIVE_INT depth;              (6)
} SNIP_TRACE_INFO;

(1) details and context of the error from the trace function
(2) function name of trace
(3) name of file containing the function
(4) line number in the file where the trace occurs
(5) if this the last trace, snip_error_get_next_trace() is not called
     anymore
(6) Depth in the call chain of the trace
```

## 5.2 SNIP MAN PAGES

### snip\_setup

#### NAME

snip\_setup — sets up SNIP

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_snip.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_setup (
        SNIP_ERROR * result
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Sets up all SNIP modules except ERROR and PARAM. Does not setup any STDM, SPDM, NDM, ADM, or EAIM modules. Called after snip\_error\_startup (), snip\_param\_read\_file (), and snip\_error\_set\_silence\_threshold (). Called before any other SNIP functions.

#### WARNINGS

```
SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE      SNIP not in undefined state
```

#### CALLS

```
snip_ntap_setup ()
snip_router_setup ()
snip_dbsppt_setup ()
snip_format_setup ()
snip_siumgr_setup ()
snip_typesub_setup ()
snip_sgap_setup ()
snip_approx_setup ()
snip_timeout_setup ()
```

## **snip\_init**

### **NAME**

**snip\_init** — initializes SNIP

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_snip.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_init (
        SNIP_ERROR * result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Initializes all SNIP modules except ERROR and PARAM. Does not initialize any STDM, SPDM, NDM, ADM, or EAIM modules. Called after `snip_setup()`. Called before any other SNIP functions.

### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</code>	SNIP not setup
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### **WARNINGS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</code>	SNIP already initialized
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### **CALLS**

<code>snip_ntap_init ()</code>
<code>snip_router_init ()</code>
<code>snip_dbsppt_init ()</code>
<code>snip_format_init ()</code>
<code>snip_siumgr_init ()</code>
<code>snip_typesub_init ()</code>
<code>snip_sgap_init ()</code>
<code>snip_approx_init ()</code>
<code>snip_timeout_init ()</code>

### **snip\_uninit**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_uninit** — uninitializeds SNIP

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_snip.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_uninit (
        SNIP_ERROR * result
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Uninitializes all SNIP modules except ERROR and PARAM. Does not uninitialized any STDM, SPDM, NDM, ADM, or EAIM modules. Must call **snip\_init()** again before SNIP can be used.

#### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	SNIP not setup
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#### **WARNINGS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	SNIP not initialized
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#### **CALLS**

<b>snip_ntap_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_router_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_dbsppt_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_format_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_siumgr_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_typesub_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_sgap_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_approx_uninit ()</b>
<b>snip_timeout_uninit ()</b>

## **snip\_param\_read\_file**

### **NAME**

**snip\_param\_read\_file** —

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_param.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_param_read_file (
        char      *    dir_name,
        char      *    file_name,
        SNIP_ERROR *    result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Causes the given `dir_name`/`file_name` to be opened and read for SNIP runtime configuration parameters.

### **WARNINGS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_FILE_ACCESS</code>	NULL or empty <code>file_name</code> , or file not found
<code>SNIP_ERR_READ_ERROR</code>	read error
<code>SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_ERROR</code>	other error from <code>reader_read()</code>

### **CALLS**

```
reader_read ()
```

### **snip\_typesub\_create\_keyset**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_typesub\_create\_keyset** — creates a type subscription keyset

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_tysub.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_typesub_create_keyset (
        SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET *    keyset_id,
        SNIP_ERROR             *    result
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Creates a buffer to keep track of SIU type subscriptions and returns a keyset ID in *keyset\_id*.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	TYPESUB Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed

#### **CALLS**

STDALLOC ()	
STDREALLOC ()	

## **snip\_typesub\_destroy\_keyset**

### **NAME**

**snip\_typesub\_destroy\_keyset** — destroys a type subscription keyset

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_tysub.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_typesub_destroy_keyset (
        SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET keyset_id,
        SNIP_ERROR *         result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Destroys a type subscription keyset.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	TYPSUB Manager not initialized
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### **WARNINGS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR</b>	bad keyset_id
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### **CALLS**

<b>STDALLOC ()</b>	
<b>STDREALLOC ()</b>	

### snip\_typesub\_subscribe

#### NAME

snip\_typesub\_subscribe — add an SIU type to a type subscription keyset

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_tysub.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_typesub_subscribe (
        SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET keyset_id,
        SNIP_SIU_TYPE      siu_type,
        SNIP_ERROR *       result
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Adds the given siu\_type to the type subscription keyset identified by keyset\_id.

#### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	TYPSUB Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR	bad keyset_id
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	invalid SIU domain
SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed

#### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_NOT_NECESSARY	already subscribed to this SIU type
------------------------	--

#### CALLS

```
STDREALLOC ()
```

## **snip\_typesub\_unsubscribe**

### **NAME**

**snip\_typesub\_unsubscribe** — remove an SIU type from a type subscription keyset

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_tysub.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_typesub_unsubscribe (
        SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET keyset_id,
        SNIP_SIU_TYPE      siu_type,
        SNIP_ERROR *        result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Removes the given siu\_type from the type subscription keyset identified by keyset\_id.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	TYPSUB Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	invalid SIU domain, or bad siu_type

### **WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR	bad keyset_id
SNIP_ERR_NOT_NECESSARY	already not subscribed to this SIU type

## snip\_format\_alloc\_3d\_rotate\_info

### NAME

snip\_format\_alloc\_3d\_rotate\_info — allocate space for rotational information

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_alloc_3d_rotate_info (
        SNIP_3D_ROTATE      *  rotate,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT    *  format,
        SNIP_ERROR          *  status
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

Allocates space in the given format and attaches it to the given SNIP\_3D\_ROTATE data structure. Which data structure to allocate is determined by the format rotational system. Where the data structure is attached to the rotate is determined by the format rotational system, the format body coordinate zyx or zxy, and the format body coordinate z up or z down. The rotate->allocated\_format\_map is set for the new data structure.

If the rotate->allocated\_format\_map is already set for the specified format then the function returns without complaint. If format is NULL then the function returns without complaint.

### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed
SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_PARAMETER	unknown rotational system in the format

### CALLS

```
STDALLOC ()
STDDEALLOC ()
```

## **snip\_format\_alloc\_body\_coord\_info**

### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_alloc\_body\_coord\_info** — allocates space for body coordinate information

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_alloc_body_coord_info (
        SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES    *    body_coord,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT         *    format,
        SNIP_ERROR               *    status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Allocates space for a SNIP\_3D\_VECTOR and attaches it to the given SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES data structure. Where the data structure is attached to the SNIP\_BODY\_COORDINATES is determined by the format measurement system, the format body coordinate zyx or zxy, and the format body coordinate z up or z down. The body\_coord->allocated\_format\_map is set for the new data structure.

If the body\_coord->allocated\_format\_map is already set for the specified format then the function returns without complaint. If format is NULL then the function returns without complaint.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed
------------------------	--------------------------

SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_PARAMETER	unknown measurement system in the format
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### **CALLS**

STDALLOC ()
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### snip\_format\_alloc\_world\_coord\_info

#### NAME

snip\_format\_alloc\_world\_coord\_info — allocate space for world coordinate information

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_alloc_world_coord_info (
        SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES * world_coord,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT * format,
        SNIP_ERROR * status
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Allocates space in the given format and attaches it to the given SNIP\_WORLD\_COORDINATES data structure. Which data structure to allocate is determined by the format coordinate system. Where the data structure is attached to the world\_coord is determined by the format coordinate system and the format measurement system. The world\_coord->allocated\_format\_map is set for the new data structure.

If the world\_coord->allocated\_format\_map is already set for the specified format then the function returns without complaint. If format is NULL then the function returns without complaint.

#### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed
SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_PARAMETER	unknown coordinate system in the format

#### CALLS

```
STDALLOC ()
STDDEALLOC ()
```

## **snip\_format\_convert\_3d\_rotate**

### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_convert\_3d\_rotate** — converts rotational information from one system to another

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_convert_3d_rotate (
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT      * data_format_in,
        SNIP_3D_ROTATE        * data_in,
        SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES * location_in,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT      * data_format_out,
        SNIP_3D_ROTATE        * data_out,
        SNIP_ERROR            * result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Converts rotational information from the system attached to *data\_in* in the system specified in *data\_format\_in* to the system specified in *data\_format\_out*. The new rotational information is attached to *data\_out*, and *data\_out->valid\_format\_map* is set correctly. *data\_out* and *data\_in* can be the same pointer. Will allocate space for the new format if necessary. Will compensate for different coordinate systems if necessary.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_SUPPORTED	NULL <i>data_format_in</i> , NULL <i>data_format_out</i> , NULL <i>data_in</i> , <i>data_format_in-&gt;rotate_sys</i> is SNIP_RS_IRRELEVANT or SNIP_RS_QUATERNION, <i>data_in</i> does not contain information specified in <i>data_format_in</i>
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL pointer in <i>data_in</i> for information specified in <i>data_format_in</i>

**snip\_format\_convert\_3d\_rotate, continued**

**WARNINGS**

```
SNIP_ERR_NOT_SUPPORTED      data_validity &
                           FORMAT_VALID_BIT_SET
```

**CALLS**

```
snip_format_validate_rotate_data ()
snip_format_allocate_rotate_data ()
snip_format_convert_from_euler ()
snip_format_compensate_coord_rotation ()
snip_format_convert_from_tmatrix ()
```

### **snip\_format\_convert\_body\_coord**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_convert\_body\_coord** — converts body coordinate information from one system to another

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_convert_body_coord (
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT      * data_format_in,
        SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES * data_in,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT      * data_format_out,
        SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES * data_out,
        SNIP_ERROR            * result
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Converts body coordinate information from the system attached to `data_in` in the system specified in `data_format_in` to the system specified in `data_format_out`. The new body coordinate information is attached to `data_out`, and `data_out->valid_format_map` is set correctly. `data_out` and `data_in` can be the same pointer. Will allocate space for the new format if necessary.

#### **ERRORS**

```
SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE library has not been
                                initialized
```

```
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR    data_format_in->coord_sys.system or
                                data_format_out->coord_sys.system
                                is not SNIP_CS_BODY, or invalid
                                data_format_in
```

#### **CALLS**

```
snip_format_alloc_body_coord_info ()
```

### snip\_format\_convert\_world\_coord

#### NAME

snip\_format\_convert\_world\_coord — converts world coordinate location information from one system to another

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_convert_world_coord (           SNIP_BOOLEAN
is_position,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT      * data_format_in,
        SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES * data_in,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT      * data_format_out,
        SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES * data_out,
        SNIP_ERROR            * result
);
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Converts world coordinate information from the system attached to data\_in in the system specified in data\_format\_in to the system specified in data\_format\_out. The new world coordinate information is attached to data\_out, and data\_out->valid\_format\_map is set correctly. data\_out and data\_in can be the same pointer. Will allocate space for the new format if necessary. is\_position should be SNIP\_TRUE if the conversion is for a location, SNIP\_FALSE for velocity or acceleration.

#### CALLS

```
snip_format_convert_location_coord()
snip_format_convert_velocity_coord()
```

## **snip\_format\_dealloc\_3d\_rotate\_info**

### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_dealloc\_3d\_rotate\_info** — deallocates all data structures used to hold rotational information

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_dealloc_3d_rotate_info (
        SNIP_3D_ROTATE      *      rotate,
        SNIP_ERROR          *      status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Checks rotate->allocated\_format\_map and deallocates every data structure attached to the given rotate.

Sets rotate->allocated\_format\_map and rotate->valid\_format\_map to 0.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL rotate
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### **CALLS**

STDDEALLOC ()
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### **snip\_format\_dealloc\_body\_coord\_info**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_dealloc\_body\_coord\_info** — deallocates all data structures used to hold body coordinate information

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
snip_format_dealloc_body_coord_info (
    SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES    *    body_coord,
    SNIP_ERROR                *    status
);
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Checks body\_coord->allocated\_format\_map and deallocates every data structure attached to the given body\_coord.

Sets body\_coord->allocated\_format\_map and body\_coord->valid\_format\_map to 0.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL body_coord
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#### **CALLS**

STDDEALLOC ()
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## **snip\_format\_dealloc\_world\_coord\_info**

### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_dealloc\_world\_coord\_info** — deallocates all data structures used to hold world coordinate information

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_dealloc_world_coord_info (
        SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES * world_coord,
        SNIP_ERROR * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Checks `world_coord->allocated_format_map` and deallocates every data structure attached to the given `world_coord`.

Sets `world_coord->allocated_format_map` and `world_coord->valid_format_map` to 0.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL <code>world_coord</code>
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### **CALLS**

<code>STDDEALLOC ()</code>
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### **snip\_format\_define\_level**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_define\_level** — defines a level earth coordinate system

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_define_level(
        SNIP_LEVEL_RECORD * level_record,
        SNIP_LEVEL_ID     * level_id,
        SNIP_ERROR        * result
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Sets up configuration information for a UTM based level earth coordinate system as defined in the given *level\_record*. Stores this configuration information and returns a *level\_id* that can be used by other formatting functions.

#### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</b>	NULL <i>level_record</i> or NULL <i>level_id</i>
<b>SNIP_ERR_LIMIT_EXCEEDED</b>	exceeded maximum number of level IDs
<b>SNIP_ERR_COORD_CONVERT_ERROR</b>	error in coordinate conversion library

#### **CALLS**

```
coord_define_tcc ()
coord_tcc_gcc_rotation ()
vmat3_transpose64 ()
```

## **snip\_format\_define\_tcc**

### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_define\_tcc** — defines a curved earth topocentric coordinate system

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_define_tcc(
        SNIP_TCC_RECORD    * tcc_record,
        SNIP_TCC_ID        * tcc_id,
        SNIP_ERROR         * result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Sets up configuration information for a curved earth topocentric coordinate system as defined in the given tcc\_record. Stores this configuration information and returns a tcc\_id that can be used by other formatting functions.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</b>	NULL tcc_record or NULL tcc_id
<b>SNIP_ERR_LIMIT_EXCEEDED</b>	exceeded maximum number of tcc IDs
<b>SNIP_ERR_COORD_CONVERT_ERROR</b>	error in coordinate conversion library

### **CALLS**

```
coord_define_tcc ()
coord_tcc_gcc_rotation ()
vmat3_transpose64 ()
```

### **snip\_format\_dup\_3d\_rotate\_info**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_dup\_3d\_rotate\_info** — duplicates all rotational information

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_dup_3d_rotate_info (
        SNIP_3D_ROTATE      * from_3d_rotate,
        SNIP_3D_ROTATE      * to_3d_rotate,
        SNIP_ERROR          * status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Creates a duplicate of all rotational information that is attached to the given `from_3d_rotate` as indicated by the `from_3d_rotate->allocated_format_map`. Duplicates are returned attached to `to_3d_rotate`. The `to_3d_rotate->valid_format_map`, `to_3d_rotate->allocated_format_map`, and `to_3d_rotate->order` are set correctly.

#### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</code>	NULL <code>from_3d_rotate</code> or NULL <code>to_3d_rotate</code>
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#### **CALLS**

```
snip_format_alloc_3d_rotate_info ()
snip_format_dealloc_3d_rotate_info ()
```

## **snip\_format\_dup\_body\_coord\_info**

### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_dup\_body\_coord\_info** — duplicates all body coordinate information

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_dup_body_coord_info (
        SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES    *    from_body_coord,
        SNIP_BODY_COORDINATES    *    to_body_coord,
        SNIP_ERROR                *    status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Creates a duplicate of all body coordinate information that is attached to the given `from_body_coord` as indicated by the `from_body_coord->allocated_format_map`. Duplicates are returned attached to `to_body_coord`. The `to_body_coord->valid_format_map`, `to_body_coord->allocated_format_map`, and `to_body_coord->order` are set correctly.

### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</code>	NULL <code>from_body_coord</code> or NULL <code>to_body_coord</code>
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### **CALLS**

```
snip_format_alloc_body_coord_info ()
snip_format_dealloc_body_coord_info ()
```

### **snip\_format\_dup\_world\_coord\_info**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_format\_dup\_world\_coord\_info** — duplicates all world coordinate information

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_format.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_format_dup_world_coord_info (
        SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES    *    from_world_coord,
        SNIP_WORLD_COORDINATES    *    to_world_coord,
        SNIP_ERROR                *    status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Creates a duplicate of all world coordinate information that is attached to the given `from_world_coord` as indicated by the `from_world_coord->allocated_format_map`. Duplicates are returned attached to `to_world_coord`. The `to_world_coord->valid_format_map`, `to_world_coord->allocated_format_map`, and `to_world_coord->order` are set correctly.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL <code>from_world_coord</code> or NULL <code>to_world_coord</code>
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#### **CALLS**

```
snip_format_alloc_world_coord_info ()
snip_format_dealloc_world_coord_info ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_alloc\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_alloc\_SIU** — allocate an SIU

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_alloc_SIU (
        SNIP_SIUMGR          siumgr_id,
        SNIP_SIU_TYPE         siu_type,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT     * format,
        SNIP_SIU              ** siu,
        SNIP_ERROR             * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Allocates an SIU of the given SNIP\_SIU\_TYPE. All information will have space allocated in the given format. Any simulation type specific or application specific memory allocation will be performed by the SIU Manager associated with the given siumgr\_id. The SIU is returned in siu.

All valid\_format\_map flags for allocated information will be set to 0. The order of all generic locations will be set to SNIP\_POSITION. The order of all generic velocities will be set to SNIP\_VELOCITY. The SIU class will be set to 0. The SIU siu\_type will be set to the given siu\_type. The SIU siumgr\_id will be set to the given siumgr\_id. If the given format coordinate system is Topocentric then the SIU tcc\_id will be set to the given value, else it will be set to SNIP\_TCC\_ID\_IRRELEVANT. If the given format coordinate system is Level Earth then the SIU level\_id will be set to the given value, else it will be set to SNIP\_LEVEL\_ID\_IRRELEVANT.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL siu
SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	invalid siu_type

### **WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL format
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**snip\_siumgr\_alloc\_SIU, continued**

**CALLS**

```
snip_format_alloc_world_coord_info ()  
snip_format_alloc_3d_rotate_info ()  
snip_format_alloc_body_coord_info ()  
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU ()  
STDALLOC ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_alloc\_art\_part**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_alloc\_art\_part** — allocate an articulated part

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_alloc_art_part (
        SNIP_SIUMGR           siumgr_id,
        SNIP_ARTICULATION_TYPES articulation_map,
        SNIP_SIU_CLASS         * part_class,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT        * format,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD    ** part,
        SNIP_ERROR              * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Allocates an articulated part of the given SNIP\_ARTICULATION\_TYPES. All information will have space allocated in the given format. Any simulation type specific or application specific memory allocation will be performed by the SIU Manager associated with the given siumgr\_id. The articulated part is returned in part.

All valid\_format\_map flags for allocated information will be set to 0. The order of all generic locations will be set to SNIP\_POSITION. The order of all generic velocities will be set to SNIP\_VELOCITY. The articulated part part\_class will be set to part\_class. The articulated part articulation\_map will be set to articulation\_map. All pointers for making a tree of articulated parts are set to NULL.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL part
SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed
SNIP_ERR_NOT_SUPPORTED	articulation_map is both fixed (SNIP_ART_TYPE_STATION) and moveable

**snip\_siumgr\_alloc\_art\_part, continued**

**WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL format
SNIP_ERR_PARAMETER_REQUIRED	articulation_map is SNIP_ART_TYPE_IRRELEVANT

**CALLS**

snip\_format\_alloc\_3d\_rotate\_info ()  
snip\_format\_alloc\_body\_coord\_info()  
snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part ()  
STDALLOC ()

## **snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_art\_part**

### **NAME**

`snip_siumgr_attach_art_part_to_art_part` — attach an articulated part to another articulated part as a child to parent

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_attach_art_part_to_art_part (
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD    * parent,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD    * part,
        SNIP_ERROR               * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Attaches the given part as the first child of the parent. If part has siblings then these all become children of the parent. No change is made to children of the part or children of the part's siblings.

### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</code>	NULL part or NULL parent
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**snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_base**

**NAME**

snip\_siumgr\_attach\_art\_part\_to\_base — attach an articulated part to an SIU

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_attach_art_part_to_base (
        SNIP_SIU           * base,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD * part,
        SNIP_ERROR          * status
    );
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Attaches the given part as the first child of the parent. If part has siblings then these all become children of the parent. No change is made to children of the part or children of the part's siblings.

**ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL part or NULL base
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## **snip\_siumgr\_close**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_close** — close the SIU Manager

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_close (
        SNIP_SIUMGR      siumgr_id,
        SNIP_ERROR      * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Sets the state of the given SIU Manager to closed.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
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### snip\_siumgr\_create\_entity

#### NAME

snip\_siumgr\_create\_entity — creates a local entity

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_create_entity (
        SNIP_SIUMGR           siumgr_id,
        SNIP_SIU_TYPE          siu_type,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT *     format,
        SNIP_SIU               ** siu,
        SNIP_SIU_ID            * entity_id,
        SNIP_ERROR             * status
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Does complete job of creating a local entity. It gets an entity ID, creates a database entry, allocates an SIU, sets the entity\_id in the SIU, and enters the SIU in the database.

#### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	siu_type is
	SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND_EVENT

#### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	siu_type is not
	SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND_ENTITY

#### CALLS

```
snip_siumgr_alloc_entry_id ()
snip_siumgr_create_entry ()
snip_siumgr_alloc_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_entry_id ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_create\_entity\_with\_given\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_create\_entity\_with\_given\_SIU** — make an entity with given SIU.

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_create_entity_with_given_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU          * siu,
        SNIP_SIU_ID       * entity_id,
        SNIP_ERROR        * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Makes an entity from given SIU. Allocates a new entity\_id and puts the entity in the database.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	SIU type is an event
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### **WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	SIU type is not an entity
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### **CALLS**

snip_siumgr_alloc_entry_id ()	
snip_siumgr_create_entry ()	
snip_siumgr_dealloc_entry_id ()	
snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU ()	
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()	

### snip\_siumgr\_create\_event

#### NAME

snip\_siumgr\_create\_event — creates a local event

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_create_event (
        SNIP_SIUMGR          siumgr_id,
        SNIP_SIU_TYPE         siu_type,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT     * format,
        SNIP_SIU              ** siu,
        SNIP_SIU_ID           * event_id,
        SNIP_ERROR            * status
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Does complete job of creating a local event. It gets an event ID, creates a database entry, allocates an SIU, sets the event\_id in the SIU, and enters the SIU in the database.

#### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	siu_type is SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND_ENTITY

#### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	siu_type is not SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND_EVENT
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#### CALLS

```
snip_siumgr_alloc_entry_id ()
snip_siumgr_create_entry ()
snip_siumgr_alloc_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_set_event_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_entry_id ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_create\_event\_with\_given\_SIU**

### **NAME**

`snip_siumgr_create_event_with_given_SIU` — make an event with given SIU.

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_create_event_with_given_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU          * siu,
        SNIP_SIU_ID       * event_id,
        SNIP_ERROR        * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Makes an event from given SIU. Allocates a new event\_id and puts the event in the database.

### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR</code>	SIU type is an entity
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### **WARNINGS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR</code>	SIU type is not an event
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### **CALLS**

<code>snip_siumgr_alloc_entry_id ()</code>
<code>snip_siumgr_create_entry ()</code>
<code>snip_siumgr_dealloc_entry_id ()</code>
<code>snip_siumgr_set_event_SIU ()</code>
<code>snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()</code>

## **snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_SIU** — deallocates an SIU

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU      * siu,
        SNIP_ERROR    * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Deallocates an SIU and all attached data structures. Any simulation type specific or application specific memory deallocation will be performed by the SIU Manager associated with the given siumgr\_id. The value of siu is unchanged.

If the SIU is an entity all articulated parts are deallocated. If the SIU is an entity exit event the attached entity SIU is also deallocated.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL siu
SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR	invalid siu_type

### **CALLS**

```
snip_format_dealloc_world_coord_info ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part_tree ()
snip_format_dealloc_3d_rotate_info ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU ()
snip_format_dealloc_body_coord_info ()
STDDEALLOC ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part** — deallocates an articulated part

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part (
        SNIP_SIUMGR                siumgr_id,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD        * part,
        SNIP_ERROR                  * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Deallocates the given articulated part and associated location, position, or velocity data structures. Children, siblings, and the parent are unaffected. Any simulation type specific or application specific memory deallocation will be performed by the SIU Manager associated with the given siumgr\_id. The value of part is unchanged.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL part

### **CALLS**

```
snip_format_dealloc_body_coord_info ()
snip_format_dealloc_3d_rotate_info ()
STDDEALLOC ()
```

### snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part\_tree

#### NAME

snip\_siumgr\_dealloc\_art\_part\_tree — deallocates an articulated part and all its descendants

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part_tree (
        SNIP_SIUMGR           siumgr_id,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD  *  root,
        SNIP_ERROR             *  status
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Recursively calls itself traversing down the tree of articulated parts until it reaches a leaf then deallocates the articulated parts as it returns. Recursion is called first on the child, then on the sibling. The value of root is unchanged.

#### CALLS

```
snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part_tree ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part ()
STDDEALLOC ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_destroy\_entity**

### **NAME**

`snip_siumgr_destroy_entity` — destroys an entity

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_destroy_entity (
        SNIP_SIU_ID      entity_id,
        SNIP_ERROR      * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Destroys a local entity. The SIU is deallocated and the entity is removed from the database. The entity\_id is not deallocated and will not be reused for another entity.

### **CALLS**

```
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()
```

### snip\_siumgr\_destroy\_event

#### NAME

snip\_siumgr\_destroy\_event — destroys an event

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
snip_siumgr_destroy_event (
    SNIP_SIU_ID      event_id,
    SNIP_ERROR *     status
);
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Destroys a local or remote event. The SIU is deallocated and the event is removed from the database. The event\_id is deallocated and may be reused for another event.

#### CALLS

```
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_entry_id ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_detach\_art\_part\_from\_art\_part**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_detach\_art\_part\_from\_art\_part** — detaches an articulated part from its parent and siblings

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_art_part (
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD    *    part,
        SNIP_ERROR              *    status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Removes the given articulated part from the parent and leaves its sibling as the first child of the parent. The children of the part are still attached to the part. The part's sibling, back\_sibling, and parent pointers are set to NULL.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL part
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### **snip\_siumgr\_detach\_art\_part\_from\_base**

#### **NAME**

`snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_base` — detaches an articulated part from its base and siblings

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_detach_art_part_from_base (
        SNIP_SIU             *  base,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD *  part,
        SNIP_ERROR           *  status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Removes the given articulated part from the base and leaves its sibling as the first child of the base. The children of the part are still attached to the part. The part's sibling, back\_sibling, and parent pointers are set to NULL.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL part or base
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## **snip\_siumgr\_dup\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_dup\_SIU** — makes a duplicate SIU

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_dup_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU          * from_siu,
        SNIP_SIU          ** to_siu,
        SNIP_ERROR        * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Duplicates a given SIU including all attached data structures. Any simulation type specific or application specific memory duplication will be performed by the SIU Manager associated with the given SIU. The new SIU is returned in to\_siu.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL to_siu or NULL from_siu
SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed

### **CALLS**

```
snip_format_dup_world_coord_info ()
snip_format_dup_3d_rotate_info ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_dup_art_part_tree ()
snip_siumgr_dup_SIU ()
STDALLOC ()
```

### snip\_siumgr\_dup\_art\_part

#### NAME

snip\_siumgr\_dup\_art\_part — makes a duplicate articulated part

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_dup_art_part (
        SNIP_SIUMGR           siumgr_id,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD  * from_part,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD  ** to_part,
        SNIP_ERROR            * status
    );

```

#### DESCRIPTION

Duplicates the given articulated part and associated location, position, or velocity data structures. Children, siblings, and the parent of from\_part are unaffected. All pointers in the to\_part for making a tree of articulated parts are set to NULL. Any simulation type specific or application specific memory duplication will be performed by the SIU Manager associated with the given siumgr\_id. The new articulated part is returned in to\_part.

#### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	bad siumgr_id
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL to_part or from_part

#### CALLS

```
snip_siumgr_alloc_art_part ()
snip_format_dup_body_coord_info ()
snip_format_dup_3d_rotate_info ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_art_part ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_dup\_art\_part\_tree**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_dup\_art\_part\_tree** — duplicate an entire tree of articulated parts

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_dup_art_part_tree (
        SNIP_SIUMGR           siumgr_id,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD  * from_part,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD  ** to_part,
        SNIP_ERROR             * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Duplicates a given articulated part including all attached data structures. Any simulation type specific or application specific memory duplication will be performed by the SIU Manager associated with the given siumgr\_id. The new articulated part is returned in to\_part.

Duplicates the from\_part and then recursively calls itself traversing down the tree duplicating articulated parts. Recursion is called first on the sibling, then on the child.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</b>	NULL to_part or NULL from_part
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### **CALLS**

```
snip_siumgr_dup_art_part ()
snip_siumgr_dup_art_part_tree ()
```

### **snip\_siumgr\_get\_entity\_SIU**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_get\_entity\_SIU** — retrieves an entity SIU from the data base

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_get_entity_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU_ID      entity_id,
        SNIP_SIU        ** siu,
        SNIP_BOOLEAN   * entity_found,
        SNIP_ERROR     * status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Looks up the given entity\_id in the database and returns the SIU pointer stored there (even if the SIU pointer is NULL). If the given entity\_id is a valid ID in the database then entity\_found equals SNIP\_TRUE, else it equals SNIP\_FALSE. If found the SIU pointer is returned in siu.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SIU Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	entity_id in data base but has no entry set

#### **CALLS**

```
snip_dbsppt_get_data ()
```

### **snip\_siumgr\_get\_entity\_list**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_get\_entity\_list** — retrieves a list of entities from the data base

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_get_entity_list (
        SNIP_SIUMGR      siumgr_id,
        SNIP_SIU_ID **   entity_id_list,
        NATIVE_INT *     entity_count,
        SNIP_ERROR *     status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Returns a list of entities IDs and count from SIU manager entity sequence list.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SIU Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Invalid SIU manager ID

## **snip\_siumgr\_get\_event\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_get\_event\_SIU** — retrieves an event SIU from the data base

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_get_event_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU_ID      event_id,
        SNIP_SIU        ** siu,
        SNIP_BOOLEAN   * event_found,
        SNIP_ERROR     * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Looks up the given event\_id in the database and returns the SIU pointer stored there (even if the SIU pointer is NULL). If the given event\_id is a valid ID in the database then event\_found equals SNIP\_TRUE, else it equals SNIP\_FALSE. If found the SIU pointer is returned in siu.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SIU Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	event_id in data base but has no entry set

### **CALLS**

```
snip_dbsppt_get_data ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_get\_event\_list**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_get\_event\_list** — retrieves a list of events from the data base

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_get_event_list (
        SNIP_SIUMGR    siumgr_id,
        SNIP_SIU_ID ** event_id_list,
        NATIVE_INT   * event_count,
        SNIP_ERROR   * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Returns a list of events IDs and count from SIU manager event sequence list.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SIU Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Invalid SIU manager ID

### **snip\_siumgr\_make\_art\_part\_tree\_consistent**

#### **NAME**

`snip_siumgr_make_art_part_tree_consistent` — make art part tree consistent.

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_make_art_part_tree_consistent (
        SNIP_SIU           * base,
        SNIP_ERROR         * status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This function makes art part consistent by traversing art part tree and recounting articulated parts.

#### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</code>	null base
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#### **CALLS**

<code>snip_siumgr_traverse_art_part_tree ()</code>
<code>snip_siumgr_set_art_part_base ()</code>
<code>snip_siumgr_set_art_part_count ()</code>

## **snip\_siumgr\_open**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_open** — open an SIU Manager

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_open (
        SNIP_STDM      stdm,
        SNIP_ATDM      atdm,
        SNIP_SIUMGR   * siumgr_id,
        SNIP_ERROR    * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Opens an SIU Manager and installs the stdm and atdm data structures. The SIU Manager ID is returned in siumgr\_id.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	SIU Manager not initialized
<b>SNIP_ERR_OPEN_FAILED</b>	maximum number of opens exceeded

### **snip\_siumgr\_set\_entity\_SIU**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_set\_entity\_SIU** — store the SIU for an entity in the data base

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU_ID      entity_id,
        SNIP_SIU        * siu,
        SNIP_ERROR      * status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Sets the given siu for the given entity\_id in the database. Any siu currently in the database is not removed or deallocated.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SIU Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR	entity_id not in the database
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	entity_id in data base but has no entry set

#### **CALLS**

```
snip_dbsppt_get_data ()
```

## **snip\_siumgr\_set\_event\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_siumgr\_set\_event\_SIU** — store the SIU for an event in the data base

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_set_event_SIU (
        SNIP_SIU_ID      event_id,
        SNIP_SIU        * siu,
        SNIP_ERROR      * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Sets the given siu for the given event\_id in the database. Any siu currently in the database is not removed or deallocated.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SIU Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR	event_id not in the database
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	event_id in data base but has no entry set

### **CALLS**

```
snip_dbsppt_get_data ()
```

### snip\_siumgr\_traverse\_art\_part\_tree

#### NAME

snip\_siumgr\_traverse\_art\_part\_tree — apply the given function to each articulated part in the tree

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_siumgr.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_siumgr_traverse_art_part_tree (
        SNIP_SIUMGR_TRAVERSE_ART_PART_TREE_FUNC
            traverse_art_part_tree_func,
        ADDRESS
            traverse_art_part_tree_arg,
        SNIP_ART_PART_RECORD * art_part,
        SNIP_ERROR * status
    );

```

#### DESCRIPTION

Invokes the given `traverse_art_part_tree_func()` with the given `traverse_art_part_tree_arg` and `art_part` as arguments, then recursively calls itself traversing down the tree and invoking the `traverse_art_part_tree_func()` for each articulated part. Recursion is called first on the child, then on the sibling.

#### CALLS

```
(*traverse_art_part_tree_func) ()
snip_siumgr_traverse_art_part_tree ()
```

## **snip\_sgap\_check\_remote\_entity\_timeout**

### **NAME**

`snip_sgap_check_remote_entity_timeout` — checks to see if the given remote entity has timed out

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_check_remote_entity_timeout (
        SNIP_SIU_ID      entity_id,
        SNIP_ERROR *     status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

If the elapsed time since the last reception of a PDU for the given entity exceeds the configured remote timeout the entity SIU is saved, the entity is destroyed, a SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT is generated for the entity and queued on the loopback queue for the last SGAP that received a PDU for the entity. The next receive from that SGAP will return the SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT SIU which gives the user application notification of the entity exit.

### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</code>	SGAP Manager not initialized
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### **CALLS**

```
snip_timeout_status ()
snip_sgap_get_data ()
(*sgap_ptr->sgap_clock.clock_func) ()
snip_timeout_check_recv_time_threshold ()
snip_siumgr_get_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_create_event ()
snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()
snip_sgap_enqueue_SIU ()
```

## snip\_sgap\_control

### NAME

snip\_sgap\_control — set configuration information for an SGAP

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_control (
        SNIP_SGAP        sgap_id,
        SNIP_SGAP_CMD    cmd,
        ADDRESS         arg,
        NATIVE_INT      size,
        SNIP_ERROR *    result
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

Controls an SGAP by setting configuration information. The given cmd indicates what to set. If the SGAP needs to retain the arg then a local copy is made.

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_ENTITY_BUFFER_MODE
    passed:
        ARG:    ignored
        SIZE:   ignored
```

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_CLEAR_ENTITY_BUFFER_MODE
    passed:
        ARG:    ignored
        SIZE:   ignored
```

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_SEND_SUBSCRIPTION
#include "snp_tysub.h"
    passed:
        ARG:    SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET *
        SIZE:   NATIVE_INT

    sets:
        ARG:    A keyset which indicates the SIU types that
                the caller wants to send through this SGAP
        SIZE:   ignored
```

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_RECV_SUBSCRIPTION
#include "snp_tysub.h"
    passed:
        ARG:    SNIP_TYPESUB_KEYSET *
        SIZE:   NATIVE_INT
```

**snip\_sgap\_control, continued**

```
sets:  
ARG: A keyset which indicates the SIU types that  
      the caller wants to receive from this SGAP  
SIZE: ignored  
  
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST  
passed:  
ARG: SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST_ARGS *  
SIZE: NATIVE_INT  
  
sets:  
ARG: pointer to first element in array of  
      NDMs to add  
SIZE: number of NDMs in the list  
  
returns:  
ARG: each element in SNIP_SGAP_SET_NTAP_LIST_ARGS []  
      now has an open net tap ID  
SIZE: number of NDMs in the list  
  
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_CLOCK  
#include "snp_router.h"  
passed:  
ARG: SNIP_CLOCK *  
SIZE: NATIVE_INT  
  
sets:  
ARG: POINTER to a SNIP_CLOCK structure  
SIZE: ignored  
  
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_CLEAR_ENTITY_BUFFER_MODE  
passed:  
ARG: ignored  
SIZE: ignored  
  
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_CLEAR_SEND_SUBSCRIPTION  
passed:  
ARG: ignored  
SIZE: ignored  
  
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_CLEAR_RECV_SUBSCRIPTION  
passed:  
ARG: ignored  
SIZE: ignored
```

**snip\_sgap\_control, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_EXEC_TICK
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_USING_ABSOLUTE_TIME
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_CLEAR_USING_ABSOLUTE_TIME
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_EXEC_SYNC_WITH_NET_CLOCK
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_ROUTER_ID
      passed:
      ARG:    SNIP_ROUTER      *    arg;
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_ROUTER) *    size;
      NOTE:   This command is used only by the SGAP to
              communicate to an SPDM and/or ADM.  It is not
              used by the application.

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_SET_DESTROY_ENTITY_ON_EXIT
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_CLEAR_DESTROY_ENTITY_ON_EXIT
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_EXEC_RESET_SYNC_WITH_SENDERS_CLOCKS
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored
```

### **snip\_sgap\_control, continued**

CMD: SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_USE\_SENDERS\_TIMESTAMP

    passed:

    ARG:      ignored

    SIZE:     ignored

CMD: SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_USE\_SENDERS\_TIMESTAMP

    passed:

    ARG:      ignored

    SIZE:     ignored

CMD: SNIP\_SGAP\_SET\_APPROXIMATE\_ENTITY\_ON\_RECV

    passed:

    ARG:      ignored

    SIZE:     ignored

CMD: SNIP\_SGAP\_CLEAR\_APPROXIMATE\_ENTITY\_ON\_RECV

    passed:

    ARG:      ignored

    SIZE:     ignored

### **ERRORS**

SNIP\_ERR\_INCORRECT\_STATE      SGAP Manager not initialized

SNIP\_ERR\_NULL\_PTR              NULL arg

SNIP\_ERR\_LIMIT\_EXCEEDED      too many NDMs in list

SNIP\_ERR\_OUT\_OF\_MEMORY      memory allocation failed

### **CALLS**

snip\_sgap\_get\_data ()  
snip\_router\_control ()  
(\*spdm\_ptr->spdm\_control) ()  
STDALLOC ()  
STDDEALLOC ()

## snip\_sgap\_create\_sgap

### NAME

snip\_sgap\_create\_sgap — create a Simulation Group Access Port (SGAP)

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_create_sgap (
        SNIP_GROUP    group,
        SNIP_SPDM    protocol,
        SNIP_ADM     app_module,
        SNIP_SIUMGR  siumgr_id,
        ADDRESS      spdm_info,
        ADDRESS      adm_info,
        SNIP_SGAP   * sgap_id,
        SNIP_ERROR  * result
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

Creates a new SGAP based on given information. Opens the given protocol and app\_module. Opens the PDU router in preparation for accessing the network(s). Returns the new SGAP ID in sgap\_id.

DEFUALTS Sets the entity generation mode to SNIP\_DONT\_BUFFER\_ENTITIES.

### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SGAP Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY	memory allocation failed

### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL protocol, NULL protocol->spdm_open, NULL app_module, or NULL app_module->adm_open
SNIP_ERR_OPEN_FAILED	NULL protocol and NULL app_module

**snip\_sgap\_create\_sgap, continued**

**CALLS**

```
snip_dbsppt_alloc_id ()  
snip_sgap_create_recv_queue ()  
snip_sgap_get_data ()  
snip_router_open ()  
snip_dbsppt_create_entry ()  
snip_dbsppt_set_data ()  
(*protocol->spdm_open) ()  
(*app_module->adm_open) ()  
STDALLOC ()  
snip_approx_add_sgap ()  
snip_timeout_add_sgap ()
```

## snip\_sgap\_destroy\_sgap

### NAME

snip\_sgap\_destroy\_sgap — releases the resources held for a Simulation Group Access Port (SGAP)

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_destroy_sgap(
        SNIP_SGAP    sgap_id,
        ADDRESS     spdm_info,
        ADDRESS     adm_info,
        SNIP_ERROR *result
    );
```

DEFAULTS Destroys an existing SGAP based. Closes the configured SNIP\_SPDM (protocol) and SNIP\_ADM (app\_module).

### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SGAP Manager not initialized
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### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL protocol, NULL protocol->spdm_close, NULL app_module, or NULL app_module->adm_close
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### CALLS

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()
snip_sgap_destroy_recv_queue ()
snip_dbsppt_destroy_entry ()
snip_dbsppt_dealloc_id ()
(*protocol->spdm_close) ()
(*app_module->adm_close) ()
STDDEALLOC ()
snip_timeout_remove_sgap ()
snip_approx_remove_sgap ()
```

## **snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU** — generate an entity SIU from a buffered entity state PDU

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_generate_entity_SIU (
        SNIP_SGAP           sgap_id,
        ADDRESS            spdm_info,
        ADDRESS            adm_info,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT  * format,
        SNIP_SIU_ID        entity_id,
        SNIP_SIU           ** siu_handle,
        SNIP_RECV_RESULT  * recv_result,
        SNIP_SIU_STATS    * siu_stats,
        SNIP_ERROR         * result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Generates the next entity SIU from a buffered entity state PDU for the entity ID given in entity\_id. The installed SPDM and ADM will generate the appropriate SIU. After the SPDM is called to generate an SIU the ADM is called and has the option of changing or adding to the SIU.

The SIU returned will have its simulation information formatted as specified in the given format.

The user application can give hints for how to process the next SIU to the SPDM or ADM through the spdm\_info and adm\_info, respectively.

The entity state PDU must pass an installed generate-filter to qualify to be used to generate an SIU. If it passes then an SIU is generated from the PDU and put in the database.

recv\_result may be one of the following values:

```
SNIP_RECV_FAILED_GEN_FILTER
SNIP_RECV_NO_PDU_AVAILABLE
SNIP_RECV_SIU_RETURNED
```

The values returned in siu\_handle and siu\_stats are only valid when recv\_result equals SNIP\_RECV\_SIU\_RETURNED. See the section on SNIP\_RECV\_RESULT value for more information.

### **ERRORS**

**SNIP\_ERR\_INCORRECT\_STATE**

SGAP Manager not initialized

**snip\_sgap\_generate\_entity\_SIU, continued**

**CALLS**

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()
snip_sgap_recv_cleanup ()
snip_siumgr_get_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_get_data ()
snip_siumgr_set_data ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU ()
(*sgap_ptr->generate_filter.filter) ()
(*spdm_ptr->spdm_generate_SIU) ()
(*adm_ptr->adm_generate_SIU) ()
STDDEALLOC ()
snip_sgap_adjust_timestamp ()
snip_approx_control ()
snip_approx_refresh_remote_entity ()
```

## **snip\_sgap\_get\_global\_id**

### **NAME**

`snip_sgap_get_global_id` -

### **SYNOPSIS**

`#include "snp_sgap.h"`

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_get_global_id (
        SNIP_SGAP                sgap_id,
        ADDRESS                  spdm_info,
        SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND      exist_kind,
        SNIP_SIU_ID               siu_id,
        SNIP_GLOBAL_ID *          global_id,
        SNIP_ERROR *              result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Calls the installed SPDM which will take the given siu\_id (either an entity ID or an event ID) and generate an ID that is global to the simulation protocol family that the SPDM implements. The user application can give hints to the SPDM for how to generate the global ID through the spdm\_info. The global ID is returned in global\_id. If the SGAP is unable to call the spdm\_global\_id() then the global\_id is returned as all 0. If the siu\_id is for a local entity or event that has not yet been sent through the given SGAP, then the global ID returned is the one that will be generated at the time that the entity or event SIU is converted into a PDU and sent. If the siu\_id is not found in the entity or event database, then the global\_id is returned as all 0.

### **ERRORS**

`SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE`      SGAP Manager not initialized

### **WARNINGS**

`SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR`      no SPDM configured in SGAP,  
                                  or SPDM does not have a  
                                  spdm\_global\_id() function

`SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR`      event or entity not found  
                                  in database

### **CALLS**

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()
(*spdm_ptr->spdm_global_id) ()
```

## snip\_sgap\_get\_local\_id

### NAME

snip\_sgap\_get\_local\_id —

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_get_local_id (
        SNIP_SGAP                 sgap_id,
        ADDRESS                  spdm_info,
        SNIP_SIU_EXIST_KIND      exist_kind,
        SNIP_GLOBAL_ID *          global_id,
        SNIP_SIU_ID *             local_id,
        SNIP_ERROR *              result
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

Calls the installed SPDM which will take the given global\_id which is global within the simulation protocol family that the SPDM implements and generate a SNIP ID (either an entity ID or an event ID). The user application can give hints to the SPDM for how to generate the local ID through the spdm\_info. The SNIP ID is returned in local\_id. If the SGAP is unable to call the spdm\_local\_id() then the local\_id is returned as SNIP\_SIU\_ID\_IRRELEVANT.

### ERRORS

· SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SGAP Manager not initialized
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### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	no SPDM configured in SGAP, or SPDM does not have a spdm_local_id() function
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### CALLS

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()
(*spdm_ptr->spdm_local_id) ()
```

## **snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU** — receive an SIU from a simulation group through an SGAP

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_recv_SIU (
        SNIP_SGAP           sgap_id,
        ADDRESS            spdm_info,
        ADDRESS            adm_info,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT  * format,
        SNIP_SIU           ** siu_handle,
        SNIP_SIU_ID        * entity_id,
        SNIP_RECV_RESULT   * recv_result,
        SNIP_SIU_STATS     * siu_stats,
        SNIP_ERROR          * result
    );

```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Receives the next SIU from the configured simulation group through the given SGAP.

If an SIU exists on the receive queue (because it was previously sent loopback by a call to `snip_sgap_send_SIU()`) then that SIU is returned. If not the SGAP will try to get an SIU generated from a PDU.

If a PDU had previously been received from a network and contains multiple SIUs then that PDU is used again, else a new PDU is received from the network.

All new PDUs from a network are passed through an SIU type checking filter. Only those PDUs that will generate an SIU of an SIU type that has been subscribed to for receiving are accepted.

An SGAP may be configured to buffer entity PDUs and only complete the generation of an entity SIU on demand. When an SGAP is in buffer entity mode all entity state PDUs must pass an installed buffer-filter to qualify to be buffered. If it passes then the PDU is buffered, no SIU is generated, but the entity ID is returned in `entity_id`.

If the SGAP is not in entity buffered mode then the entity state PDU must pass an installed generate-filter to qualify to be used to generate an SIU. If it passes then an entity SIU is generated from the PDU and put in the database.

The installed SPDM and ADM will generate the appropriate SIU from the PDU. After the SPDM is called to generate an SIU the ADM is called and has the option of changing or adding to the SIU.

### snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU, continued

The SIU returned will have its simulation information formatted as specified in the given format. If a NULL format is passed then the simulation information will only be stored in the SIU in the formats present in the PDU.

The user application can give hints for how to process the next SIU to the SPDM or ADM through the spdm\_info and adm\_info, respectively. Regardless of whether or not the SGAP is in entity buffered mode, the first time an entity's entity state PDU is received off a network an entity SIU is generated and put in the database and an SNIP\_EVENT\_TYPE\_ENTITY\_ENTRY event is generated and also put in the database. This event SIU contains the new entity ID, which can be used to retrieve the entity SIU.

Event PDUs must pass only an installed generate-filter to qualify to be used to generate an SIU. If it passes then an event SIU is generated from the PDU and put in the database.

If the event is of SIU type SNIP\_EVENT\_TYPE\_ENTITY\_EXIT then the entity that has exited will be removed from the database (a pointer to the entity SIU is included in the exit event SIU).

recv\_result may be one of the following values:

```
SNIP_RECV_SIU_RETURNED
SNIP_RECV_ENTITY_BUFFERED
SNIP_RECV_NO_PDU_AVAILABLE
SNIP_RECV_NOT_SUBSCRIBED
SNIP_RECV_FAILED_BUFFER_FILTER
SNIP_RECV_FAILED_GEN_FILTER
SNIP_RECV_NOT_FOR_US
SNIP_RECV_NOT_SUPPORTED
SNIP_RECV_PDU_IGNORED
```

The values returned in siu\_handle and siu\_stats are only valid when recv\_result equals SNIP\_RECV\_SIU\_RETURNED. The value returned in entity\_id is only valid when recv\_result equals SNIP\_RECV\_ENTITY\_BUFFERED. See the section on SNIP\_RECV\_RESULT values for more information.

**snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU, continued**

**ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SGAP Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_RECV_FAILED	No SIU allocated by SPDM or ADM
SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_ERROR	unexpected recv_result from snip_sgap_process_incoming_event() or snip_sgap_process_incoming_entity()

**WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR	entity SIU found on receive queue for an entity that is not in data base, exit SIU received for entity that is not in the data base
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	no SPDM or ADM type check routine

**CALLS**

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()
snip_sgap_dequeue_SIU ()
snip_sgap_process_incoming_entity ()
snip_sgap_process_incoming_event ()
snip_sgap_recv_cleanup ()
snip_siumgr_get_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_dealloc_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_set_event_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()
snip_siumgr_create_event ()
snip_siumgr_set_event_SIU ()
snip_router_recv ()
snip_typesub_query ()
(*spdm_ptr->spdm_SIU_type_check) ()
(*adm_ptr->adm_SIU_type_check) ()
(*sgap_ptr->sgap_clock.clock_func) ()
```

## snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU

### NAME

snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU — send an SIU through an SGAP to a simulation group

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_send_SIU (
        SNIP_SGAP           sgap_id,
        ADDRESS            spdm_info,
        ADDRESS            adm_info,
        ADDRESS            ndm_info,
        SNIP_SIU           * siu,
        SNIP_BOOLEAN        loopback_desired,
        SNIP_SEND_RESULT   * send_result,
        SNIP_ERROR          * result
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

Sends an SIU to the configured simulation group through an SGAP.

Outgoing SIUs are passed through an SIU type checking filter. If the SIU is not of an SIU type that has been subscribed to for sending then the function returns.

The SIU must pass an installed send-filter. If the SIU fails the send-filter then the function returns.

If loopback\_desired equals SNIP\_TRUE then the SIU is put on the SGAP's receive queue and will be returned to the application later when snip\_sgap\_recv\_SIU () is called.

The installed SPDM and ADM will generate the appropriate PDU(s) and send them on the network(s). After the SPDM is called to generate each PDU the ADM is called and has the option of changing or adding to each PDU.

The user application can give hints for how to process the SIU to the SPDM or ADM through the spdm\_info and adm\_info, respectively. The user application can give a hint for how to send the generated PDU(s) on the network(s) to the NDM(s) through the ndm\_info.

send\_result may be one of the following values:

```
SNIP_SEND_FAILED_FILTER
SNIP_SEND_NOT_SUBSCRIBED
SNIP_SEND_NOT_SUPPORTED
SNIP_SEND_PDU_IN_PROGRESS
SNIP_SEND_PDU_SENT
```

See the section on SNIP\_SEND\_RESULT for more information.

**snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU, continued**

**ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SGAP Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL siu

**WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	no installed SPDM or ADM
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**CALLS**

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()  
snip_sgap_enqueue_SIU ()  
snip_siumgr_lay_away_entry ()  
snip_typesub_query ()  
snip_router_alloc_snip_PDU ()  
snip_router_dealloc_snip_PDU ()  
snip_router_send ()  
(*sgap_ptr->send_filter.filter) ()  
(*spdm_ptr->spdm_generate_PDU) ()  
(*adm_ptr->adm_generate_PDU) ()  
(*sgap_ptr->sgap_clock.clock_func)  
snip_timeout_control ()
```

**snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU\_if\_necessary**

**NAME**

**snip\_sgap\_send\_SIU\_if\_necessary** — send an SIU through an SGAP to a simulation group on if necessary.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_send_SIU_if_necessary (
        SNIP_SGAP          sgap_id,
        ADDRESS           spdm_info,
        ADDRESS           adm_info,
        ADDRESS           ndm_info,
        SNIP_SIU          * siu,
        SNIP_BOOLEAN      loopback_desired,
        SNIP_SEND_RESULT * send_result,
        SNIP_ERROR         * result
    );
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Sends an SIU to the configured simulation group through an SGAP only if necessary based on transmission timeout and local entity approximation thresholds. Sends all event SIUs.

**ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SGAP Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL siu

**CALLS**

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()
(*sgap_ptr->sgap_clock.clock_func) ()
snip_timeout_check_send_time_threshold ()
snip_approximate_local_entity ()
snip_sgap_send_SIU ()
```

## **snip\_sgap\_status**

### **NAME**

**snip\_sgap\_status** — returns the status of configured SGAP information

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_status (
        SNIP_SGAP        sgap_id,
        SNIP_SGAP_CMD    cmd,
        ADDRESS         arg,
        NATIVE_INT     * size,
        SNIP_ERROR     * result
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Returns information on the current configuration of the given SGAP. The given cmd indicates what to return.

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_ENTITY_BUFFER_MODE
passed:
ARG:   SNIP_BOOLEAN     *   arg;
SIZE:  NATIVE_INT      *   size;

returns:
ARG:   SNIP_TRUE if in Entity Buffer Mode,
      SNIP_FALSE if not
SIZE: sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_SEND_SUBSCRIPTION
passed:
ARG:   SNIP_SGAP_SUBSCRIPTION *
SIZE:  NATIVE_INT *

returns:
ARG:   SNIP_SGAP_SUBSCRIPTION - current SIU types that
      have been subscribed to for sending
SIZE: sizeof (SNIP_SGAP_SUBSCRIPTION)
```

**snip\_sgap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_RECV_SUBSCRIPTION
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_SGAP_SUBSCRIPTION *
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT *

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_SGAP_SUBSCRIPTION - current SIU types that
          have been subscribed to for receiving
      SIZE:    sizeof (SNIP_SGAP_SUBSCRIPTION)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_NTAP_LIST
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_SGAP_GET_NTAP_LIST_ARGS **
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT *

      returns:
      ARG:     pointer to first element in an array of
          SNIP_SGAP_GET_NTAP_LIST_ARGS
      SIZE:    number of elements in the array

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_CLOCK
#include "snp_router.h"
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_CLOCK *
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT *

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_CLOCK - installed clock function
      SIZE:    sizeof (SNIP_CLOCK)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_GROUP
#include "snp_router.h"
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_GROUP *
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT *

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_GROUP - simulation group that the SGAP
          has joined
      SIZE:    sizeof (SNIP_GROUP)
```

**snip\_sgap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_SPDM
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_SPDM *
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT *

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_SPDM - represents the simulation protocol
              in use
      SIZE:    sizeof (SNIP_SPDM)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_ADM
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_ADM *
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT *

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_ADM - specific to this application
      SIZE:    sizeof (SNIP_ADM)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_SIUMGR
#include "snp_siugmgr.h"
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_SIUMGR *
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT *

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_SIUMGR - configured SIU Manager ID
      SIZE:    sizeof (SNIP_SIUMGR)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_USING_ABSOLUTE_TIME
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN      *  arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT      *  size;

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_TRUE if using absolute time, SNIP_FALSE
              if using relative time
      SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)
```

**snip\_sgap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_RECV_TIMEOUT_PER_SIU_TYPE
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_SGAP_TIMEOUT_PER_SIU_TYPE *    arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT                  *    size;

returns:
ARG:     a timeout to be used for the given
        SNIP_SIU_TYPE
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_SGAP_TIMEOUT_PER_SIU_TYPE)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_SEND_TIMEOUT_PER_SIU_TYPE
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_SGAP_TIMEOUT_PER_SIU_TYPE *    arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT                  *    size;

returns:
ARG:     a timeout to be used for the given
        SNIP_SIU_TYPE
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_SGAP_TIMEOUT_PER_SIU_TYPE)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_ROUTER_ID
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_ROUTER    *    arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT    *    size;

returns:
ARG:     the ROUTER ID that the SGAP is using
SIZE:   sizeof (SNIP_ROUTER)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_DESTROY_ENTITY_ON_EXIT
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN    *    arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT    *    size;

returns:
ARG:     SNIP_TRUE if remote entities will be
        destroyed on exit
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)
```

### **snip\_sgap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_USE_SENDERS_TIMESTAMP
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN      *    arg;
      SIZE:   NATIVE_INT        *    size;

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_TRUE if sender's timestamp will be used
              in calculating SIU timestamp
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_SGAP_GET_APPROXIMATE_ENTITY_ON_RECV
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN      *    arg;
      SIZE:   NATIVE_INT        *    size;

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_TRUE if remote entities will be
              approximated on recv or generate
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)
```

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	SGAP Manager not initialized
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL arg

### **CALLS**

```
snip_sgap_get_data ()
(*spdm_ptr->spdm_status) ()
```

### **snip\_sgap\_check\_remote\_entity\_timeout**

#### **NAME**

`snip_sgap_check_remote_entity_timeout` — checks to see if the given remote entity has timed out

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_sgap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_sgap_check_remote_entity_timeout (
        SNIP_SIU_ID      entity_id,
        SNIP_ERROR      *  status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

If the elapsed time since the last reception of a PDU for the given entity exceeds the configured remote timeout the entity SIU is saved, the entity is destroyed, a SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT is generated for the entity and queued on the loopback queue for the last SGAP that received a PDU for the entity. The next receive from that SGAP will return the SNIP\_ENTITY\_EXIT\_EVENT SIU which gives the user application notification of the entity exit.

#### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</code>	SGAP Manager not initialized
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#### **CALLS**

```
snip_timeout_status ()
snip_sgap_get_data ()
(*sgap_ptr->sgap_clock.clock_func) ()
snip_timeout_check_recv_time_threshold ()
snip_siumgr_get_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_create_event ()
snip_siumgr_set_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_destroy_entry ()
snip_sgap_enqueue_SIU ()
```

## **snip\_approx\_approximate\_remote\_entity**

### **NAME**

**snip\_approx\_approximate\_remote\_entity** — approximates location of remote entity

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_approx.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_approx_approximate_remote_entity(
        SNIP_SIU_ID           entity_id,
        SNIP_TIME             current_time,
        SNIP_DATA_FORMAT      * format,
        SNIP_ERROR            * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Performs entity approximation for the given remote entity. Uses the given current time and the EAIM that has been installed for the SGAP that the entity was last received from. The entity SIU is updated. The exact fields changed depend on the dead reckoning algorithm associated with this entity, but may include location, orientation, and velocity. The SIU timestamp is updated.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR</b>	Invalid entity ID
<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_CONFIGURATION</b>	No dead reckoning algorithm chosen for the entity
<b>SNIP_ERR_SIU_ERROR</b>	Attempt to do remote style approximation on local entity
<b>SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED</b>	Dead reckoning algorithm does not have an installed EAIM for the SGAP

### **CALLS**

```
snip_siumgr_get_entity_SIU ()
snip_siumgr_get_data ()
snip_sgap_get_data ()
(*approximator->entity_destroy_func) ()
(*approximator->entity_create_func) ()
(*approximator->remote_approx_func) ()
```

## snip\_approx\_control

### NAME

snip\_approx\_control — set configuration information for an APPROX

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_approx.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
snip_approx_control (
    SNIP_SGAP           sgap_id,
    SNIP_APPROX_CMD    cmd,
    ADDRESS            arg,
    NATIVE_INT          size,
    SNIP_ERROR *        status
);
```

### DESCRIPTION

Controls an APPROX by setting configuration information. The given cmd indicates what to set.

CMD: SNIP\_APPROX\_SET\_ENTITY\_THRESHOLDS  
passed:

ARG: SNIP\_APPROX\_THRESHOLDS  
SIZE: sizeof(SNIP\_APPROX\_THRESHOLDS)

CMD: SNIP\_APPROX\_SET\_ENTITY\_DR\_ALGORITHM  
passed:

ARG: SNIP\_APPROX\_ENTITY\_DR\_ALG  
SIZE: sizeof(SNIP\_APPROX\_ENTITY\_DR\_ALG)

CMD: SNIP\_APPROX\_SET\_SGAP\_DR\_ALGORITHM  
passed:

ARG: SNIP\_APPROX\_SGAP\_DR\_ALG \* arg;  
SIZE: sizeof(SNIP\_APPROX\_SGAP\_DR\_ALG)

CMD: SNIP\_APPROX\_SET\_EAIM

passed:

ARG: SNIP\_EAIM  
SIZE: sizeof(SNIP\_EAIM)

**snip\_approx\_control, continued**

CMD: SNIP\_APPROX\_EXEC\_TICK  
passed:  
ARG: ignored  
SIZE: ignored

**ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Using bad sgap ID
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL arg
SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR	Invalid entity ID
SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_PARAMETER	Unsupported command

**WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_LIMIT_EXCEEDED	Attempt to add entity approximation exceeded MAX_DR_ALGS in parameter file
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**CALLS**

snip\_sgap\_get\_data ()  
snip\_approx\_alloc\_per\_local\_entity ()  
snip\_siumgr\_get\_data ()  
snip\_siumgr\_get\_entity\_SIU ()

### **snip\_approx\_status**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_approx\_status** — returns the status of configured APPROX information

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_approx.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_approx_status (
        SNIP_SGAP           sgap_id,
        SNIP_APPROX_CMD     cmd,
        ADDRESS             arg,
        NATIVE_INT          * size,
        SNIP_ERROR          * status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Returns information on the current configuration of the given APPROX. The given cmd indicates what to return.

```
CMD: SNIP_APPROX_GET_ENTITY_THRESHOLDS
    passed:
        ARG:    SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS
        SIZE:   NATIVE_INT
    returns:
        ARG:    SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS for given entity_id
        SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS)

CMD: SNIP_APPROX_GET_SGAP_THRESHOLDS
    passed:
        ARG:    SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS
        SIZE:   NATIVE_INT
    returns:
        ARG:    SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS for given entity_id
        SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_APPROX_THRESHOLDS)

CMD: SNIP_APPROX_GET_ENTITY_DR_ALGORITHM
    passed:
        ARG:    SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG  * arg;
        SIZE:   NATIVE_INT              * size;

    returns:
        ARG:    SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG for given entity_id
        SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_APPROX_ENTITY_DR_ALG)
```

### **snip\_approx\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_APPROX_GET_SGAP_DR_ALGORITHM
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_APPROX_SGAP_DR_ALG * arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT           * size;

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_APPROX_SGAP_DR_ALG
      SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_APPROX_SGAP_DR_ALG)

CMD: SNIP_APPROX_GET_EAIM
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_EAIM
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT
      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_EAIM for given SGAP
      SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_EAIM)
```

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Using bad sgap ID
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL arg
SNIP_ERR_ID_ERROR	Invalid entity ID
SNIP_ERR_UNKNOWN_PARAMETER	Unsupported command

### **CALLS**

```
snip_siumgr_get_data ()
snip_approx_alloc_per_local_entity ()
snip_sgap_get_data ()
snip_siumgr_get_entity_SIU ()
```

### **snip\_router\_alloc\_snip\_PDU**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_alloc\_snip\_PDU** — allocates a SNIP\_PDU

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_alloc_snip_PDU(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_PDU    **        snip_pdu,
        SNIP_ERROR  *        status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This function allocates a SNIP\_PDU for use when building a PDU for sending through the specified router channel.

#### **CALLS**

```
snip_router_alloc_snip_PDU_no_PDU ()
snip_router_alloc_outgoing_PDU ()
```

## **snip\_router\_close**

### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_close** — closes a ROUTER channel

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_close(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_ERROR *         status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function closes a router channel.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN</b>	Closing using bad router ID
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## snip\_router\_control

### NAME

snip\_router\_control — sets mode or state or invokes an action on a ROUTER channel

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_control(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_ROUTER_CMD      cmd,
        ADDRESS              arg,
        NATIVE_INT           arg_length,
        SNIP_ERROR           * status
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

This function controls a channel of the ROUTER. It can set a mode or state for all following activity, or it can invoke a one-time operation. The following commands may be used to modify the operation. These commands are of the type SNIP\_ROUTER\_CMD.

```
CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_NTAP
    passed:
    ARG:   SNIP_ROUTER_ADD_NTAP      * arg;
    SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_ROUTER_ADD_NTAP)

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_NTAP_LIST
    passed:
    ARG:   SNIP_ROUTER_ADD_NTAP      ** arg;
    SIZE:  number of SNIP_ROUTER_ADD_NTAP in array

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_CLOCK
    passed:
    ARG:   SNIP_CLOCK      * arg;
    SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_CLOCK)

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_NET_TIME_ZERO
    passed:
    ARG:   ignored
    SIZE:  ignored

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_EXEC_NTAP_CONTROL
    passed:
    ARG:   SNIP_ROUTER_CONTROL_NTAP  * arg;
    SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_ROUTER_CONTROL_NTAP)
```

**snip\_router\_control, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_CLOCK_ADJUST
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_CLEAR_CLOCK_ADJUST
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_EXEC_TICK
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_DEFAULT_GROUP_PROTO_RECOG_PASS
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_CLEAR_DEFAULT_GROUP_PROTO_RECOG_PASS
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_EXEC_SYNC_WITH_NET_CLOCK
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_SEND_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER
    passed:
    ARG:    SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER * arg;
    SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER)

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_RECV_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER
    passed:
    ARG:    SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER * arg;
    SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER)

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_SET_PDU_BUFFER_SAVE_ON_SEND
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored
```

**snip\_router\_control, continued**

CMD: SNIP\_ROUTER\_SET\_PDU\_BUFFER DEALLOC\_ON\_SEND  
passed:  
ARG: ignored  
SIZE: ignored

**ERRORS**

SNIP\_ERR\_NOT\_OPEN unopened or bad router ID

**WARNINGS**

SNIP\_ERR\_UNKNOWN\_PARAMETER unsupported command

**CALLS**

snip\_router\_add\_ntap()  
snip\_router\_set\_clock()  
snip\_router\_ntap\_control()  
snip\_router\_sync\_with\_net\_clock()

## **snip\_router\_copy\_for\_buffer\_snip\_PDU**

### **NAME**

`snip_router_copy_for_buffer_snip_PDU` — copies a PDU buffer

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_copy_for_buffer_snip_PDU(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_PDU    *        snip_pdu,
        SNIP_ERROR  *        status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function copies a PDU buffer for use within a user application when the user application wishes to access the PDU buffer over several calls to the SNIP library. It allocates space for the PDU copy, and ultimately calls the NDM that owns the PDU if necessary to inform it that the buffer is no longer in use. The field `copy_on_buffer` in the `SNIP_PDU` is set to `SNIP_FALSE`.

### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</code>	Attempt to copy a buffer pointed to by a null pointer
<code>SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY</code>	System ran out of memory

### **CALLS**

```
snip_router_dealloc_PDU ()
```

## **snip\_router\_dealloc\_snip\_PDU**

### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_dealloc\_snip\_PDU** — deallocates a SNIP\_PDU

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_dealloc_snip_PDU(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_PDU      *      snip_pdu,
        SNIP_ERROR      *      status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function deallocates a SNIP\_PDU created by the router when receiving a PDU. Additionally, it may be used to deallocate a buffer allocated for sending which was never sent, or was sent over a ROUTER channel which was configured to not deallocate the SNIP\_PDU (by setting SNIP\_ROUTER\_SET\_PDU\_BUFFER\_SAVE\_ON\_SEND).

### **WARNINGS**

SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	request to dealloc NULL SNIP_PDU
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### **CALLS**

```
snip_router_dealloc_PDU ()
```

## **snip\_router\_init**

### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_init** — initializes the ROUTER library

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_init(
        SNIP_ERROR * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function performs the initialization for the router. It is typically called by the **snip\_init()** function. It needs to be called after the **snip\_router\_setup()** function.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	ROUTER not setup
<b>SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY</b>	System ran out of memory

### **WARNINGS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	ROUTER already initialized
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### **CALLS**

```
router_record_init()
```

### **snip\_router\_open**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_open** — opens a ROUTER channel

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_open(
        SNIP_GROUP          group,
        SNIP_PROTOCOL_ID    protocol_id,
        SNIP_ROUTER_GROUP_PROTO_RECOG * recog,
        SNIP_ROUTER *       router_id,
        SNIP_ERROR *        status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This function opens a router channel for sending and receiving PDU's. Additionally, the assignment of a Group-Protocol Recognizer Function, passed as an argument, is performed.

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	Router not initialized
SNIP_ERR_OPEN_FAILED	Open of router failed - maximum opens exceeded

#### **CALLS**

```
router_record_init ()
```

## **snip\_router\_recv**

### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_recv** — receive a SNIP\_PDU

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_recv(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_PDU             ** snip_pdu,
        SNIP_RECV_RESULT *  recv_result,
        SNIP_ERROR          *  status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function receives a SNIP\_PDU from the specified ROUTER channel.

If each of the configured NDMs is capable of returning a timestamp for received PDUs then the ROUTER will return the oldest PDU, else the ROUTER will access NDMs in round-robin order.

If multiple ROUTER channels are configured for the same NDM with the same group number and same protocol ID, then received PDUs will be enqueued for those other channels.

The ROUTER will look at its incoming PDU queue before accessing the network(s).

The ROUTER will either convert the NDM timestamp to the clock in caller's frame of reference, or will call the installed clock function at the time of receive.

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Recvng using bad router ID
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL PDU buffer pointer passed
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	No NDMs have been added to router channel

### **CALLS**

```
snip_router_recv_snip_PDU ()
snip_router_dealloc_snip_PDU ()
(*rr->recv_filter[i].pdu_filter_func) ()
snip_router_adjust_timestamp ()
snip_router_dequeue ()
snip_router_demultiplex_snip_PDU ()
snip_router_queue_peek ()
```

### **snip\_router\_send**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_send** – send a SNIP\_PDU

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"

extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_send(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_PDU    *         snip_pdu,
        ADDRESS           user_arg,
        ADDRESS           spdm_arg,
        ADDRESS           adm_arg,
        SNIP_SEND_RESULT * send_result,
        SNIP_ERROR    *     status
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This function sends a SNIP\_PDU out all the configured networks for the specified ROUTER channel.

The default behavior is to deallocate the SNIP\_PDU. The ROUTER channel can be configured to not perform this deallocation by calling `snip_router_control()` with the command `SNIP_ROUTER_SET_PDU_BUFFER_SAVE_ON_SEND`. This allows the application to reuse a SNIP\_PDU for multiple sends.

The `user_arg`, `spdm_arg`, and `adm_arg` are passed through to the configured NDMs.

#### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN</code>	Sending using bad router ID
<code>SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR</code>	No NDMs have been added to router channel

#### **CALLS**

```
(*rr->send_filter[i].pdu_filter_func) ()
snip_ntap_send ()
snip_router_dealloc_snip_PDU ()
```

## **snip\_router\_setup**

### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_setup** — sets up the ROUTER library

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_setup(
        SNIP_ERROR *      status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function performs the setup for the ROUTER. It is typically called by the **snip\_setup()** function. It needs to be called before the **snip\_router\_init()** function.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY</b>	System ran out of memory
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### **WARNINGS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	Router already setup
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### **CALLS**

<b>snip_param_get_int32 ()</b>
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### snip\_router\_status

#### NAME

snip\_router\_status — returns current ROUTER mode or state information

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_status(
        SNIP_ROUTER          router_id,
        SNIP_ROUTER_CMD      cmd,
        ADDRESS              arg,
        NATIVE_INT          * size,
        SNIP_ERROR          * status
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

This function returns the status of a ROUTER channel. The following commands may be used to obtain information about the current operation. These commands are of the type SNIP\_ROUTER\_CMD.

```
CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_GET_NTAP_LIST
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_ROUTER_ADD_NTAP      ** arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT             * size;

    returns:
    ARG:     array of SNIP_ROUTER_ADD_NTAP (in NDM space)
    SIZE:    number of SNIP_ROUTER_ADD_NTAP in list

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_GET_CLOCK
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_CLOCK    * arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT    * size;

    returns:
    ARG:     SNIP_CLOCK
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_CLOCK)

CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_CHECK_CLOCK_ADJUST
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN    * arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT    * size;
```

**snip\_router\_status, continued**

```
returns:  
ARG:    SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE  
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)  
  
CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_GET_DEFAULT_GROUP_PROTO_RECOG_PASS  
passed:  
ARG:    SNIP_BOOLEAN      *  arg;  
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT      *  size;  
  
returns:  
ARG:    SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE  
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)  
  
CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_GET_SEND_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER_LIST  
passed:  
ARG:    SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER    **  arg;  
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT                  *  size;  
  
returns:  
ARG:    pointer to first element in array of  
          SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER  
SIZE:   number of filters in list  
  
CMD: SNIP_ROUTER_GET_RECV_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER_LIST  
passed:  
ARG:    SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER    **  arg;  
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT                  *  size;  
  
returns:  
ARG:    pointer to first element in array of  
          SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER  
SIZE:   number of filters in list
```

### **snip\_router\_status, continued**

CMD: SNIP\_ROUTER\_GET\_PDU\_BUFFER\_SAVE\_ON\_SEND

passed:

ARG: ignored

SIZE: ignored

returns;

ARG: SNIP\_TRUE or SNIP\_FALSE

SIZE: sizeof(SNIP\_BOOLEAN)

## ERRORS

SNIP ERR NOT OPEN

bad router ID

## WARNINGS

SNIP ERR UNKNOWN PARAMETER unsupported command

## **snip\_router\_uninit**

### **NAME**

**snip\_router\_uninit** — uninitializeds the ROUTER library

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_router.h" #include "snl_router.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_router_uninit(
        SNIP_ERROR *      status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function performs the uninitialized for the ROUTER. It is typically called by the **snip\_uninit()** function. It needs to be called after the **snip\_router\_init()** function. After this call the ROUTER can be reinitialized to a known state.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	Router not setup
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### **WARNINGS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</b>	Router not initialized
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```
        snip_ntap_close NAME
snip_ntap_close - close a NTAP channel
```

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_ntap_close(
        SNIP_NTAP      ntap_desc,
        SNIP_ERROR *   status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function closes the NTAP. Because the NTAP relies upon a user application installed NDM, this function makes a call to the installed NDM close function.

### **ERRORS**

<b>SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN</b>	Closing using bad ntap descriptor.
<b>SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED</b>	No ntap_close function installed for net tap.

### **CALLS (\*ndm->ndm\_close) ()**

### **snip\_ntap\_control**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_ntap\_control** — sets mode or state or invokes an action on a channel of an NTAP or NDM

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
snip_ntap_control(
    SNIP_NTAP          ntap_desc,
    SNIP_NTAP_CMD      cmd,
    ADDRESS           arg,
    NATIVE_INT        arg_length,
    SNIP_ERROR        * status
);
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This function controls a channel of the NTAP. It can set a mode or state for all following activity, or it can invoke a one-time operation. The following commands may be used to modify the operation. These commands are of the type SNIP\_NTAP\_CMD. Also, because the NTAP relies on a user application installed NDM, the installed NDM may have additional commands whose enumeration should begin at SNIP\_NTAP\_NDM\_COMMAND\_BASE.

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_EXEC_TICK
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_MULTICAST
    passed:
    ARG:    NDM_dependent * arg;
    SIZE:   sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_MULTICAST
    passed:
    ARG:    NDM_dependent * arg;
    SIZE:   sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_ALL_MULTICAST
    passed:
    ARG:    ignored
    SIZE:   ignored
```

**snip\_ntap\_control, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_HEADER_FIELD
      passed:
      ARG:     NDM_dependent * arg;
      SIZE:    sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_HEADER_FIELD
      passed:
      ARG:     NDM_dependent * arg;
      SIZE:    sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_ALL_HEADER_FIELD
      passed:
          (if only a single header field can be filtered on)
      ARG:     ignored
      SIZE:    ignored

          (if multiple header fields can be filtered on then
           this is an indication of which field to clear)
      ARG:     NDM_dependent * arg;
      SIZE:    sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_BLOCKING_RECV
      passed:
      ARG:     ignored
      SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_BLOCKING_RECV
      passed:
      ARG:     ignored
      SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_EACH_RECV_BUFFER_SIZE
      passed:
      ARG:     NATIVE_INT * arg;
      SIZE:    sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_TOTAL_RECV_BUFFER_SIZE
      passed:
      ARG:     NATIVE_INT * arg;
      SIZE:    sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_RECV_BUFFER_COUNT
      passed:
      ARG:     NATIVE_INT * arg;
      SIZE:    sizeof(NATIVE_INT);
```

**snip\_ntap\_control, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_RECV_BUFFER
     passed:
     ARG:     ADDRESS arg;
     SIZE:    length of receive buffer in bytes

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_ALL_RECV_BUFFER
     passed:
     ARG:    ignored
     SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_BLOCKING_SEND
     passed:
     ARG:    ignored
     SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_BLOCKING_SEND
     passed:
     ARG:    ignored
     SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_SEND_BUFFER_COUNT
     passed:
     ARG:    NATIVE_INT * arg;
     SIZE:   sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_SEND_BUFFER
     passed:
     ARG:     ADDRESS arg;
     SIZE:    length of send buffer in bytes

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_DEVICE_PHYSICAL_ADDRESS
     passed:
     ARG:     ADDRESS arg;
     SIZE:    size of device address space if known, 0 if
              not known

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_DEVICE_MAPPED_ADDRESS
     passed:
     ARG:     ADDRESS arg;
     SIZE:    size of device address space if known, 0 if
              not known

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_DEVICE_RESET
     passed:
     ARG:    NDM_dependent * arg;
     SIZE:   sizeof(NDM_dependent)
```

**snip\_ntap\_control, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_TIME
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_TIME      *      arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_TIME);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_MINIMUM_BANDWIDTH
    passed:
    ARG:     NATIVE_INT arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_MINIMUM_LATENCY
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_TIME      *      arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_TIME);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_STATISTICS
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_LOOPBACK
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_LOOPBACK
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored

    returns:
    ARG:     SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_REBOUND
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_REBOUND
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored
```

**snip\_ntap\_control, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_ATON_RESOURCE
    passed:
    ARG:     NDM_dependent * arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_SEND_ADDRESS
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS * arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_SEND_ADDRESS
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS * arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_ALL_SEND_ADDRESS
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_RECV_ADDRESS
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS * arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_RECV_ADDRESS
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS * arg;
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_ALL_RECV_ADDRESS
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_SEND_ON_NET
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_SEND_ON_NET
    passed:
    ARG:     ignored
    SIZE:    ignored
```

### **snip\_ntap\_control, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_RECV_ON_NET
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CLEAR_RECV_ON_NET
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_EXEC_FLUSH_ALL_RECV_BUFFER
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_EXEC_FLUSH_ALL_SEND_BUFFER
      passed:
      ARG:    ignored
      SIZE:   ignored

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_SEND_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER
      passed:
      ARG:    SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER * arg;
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_SET_RECV_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER
      passed:
      ARG:    SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER * arg;
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER)
```

## **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Controlling using bad or unopened ntap descriptor.
SNIP_ERR_LIMIT_EXCEEDED	Too many PDU content filters.
SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED	No ntap_control function installed for net tap.

## **CALLS**

```
snip_ntap_status ()
snip_error_get_next_error ()
snip_error_delete_error_tree ()
snip_error_attach_trace ()
(*ndm->ndm_control) ()
```

## snip\_ntap\_init

### NAME

snip\_ntap\_init — initializes the NTAP library

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_ntap_init(
        SNIP_ERROR * status
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

This function performs the initialization for the NTAP. It is typically called by the snip\_init() function. It needs to be called after the snip\_ntap\_setup() function.

### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	NTAP not setup
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### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	NTAP already initialized
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snip\_ntap\_open

### NAME

snip\_ntap\_open — opens an NTAP channel

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_ntap_open(
        SNIP_NDM          ndm,
        NATIVE_INT        flags,
        ADDRESS          arg,
        char             * device,
        SNIP_NTAP         * ntap_desc,
        SNIP_ERROR        * status
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

This function opens the NTAP for sending and receiving PDU's. Because the NTAP relies upon a user application installed NDM, this function will install the given NDM if it has not already been installed, and then makes a call to the installed NDM's open function.

### **snip\_ntap\_init, continued**

#### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	NTAP not initted.
SNIP_ERR_OPEN_FAILED	Open of ntap failed - maximum opens exceeded.
SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED	No ntap_open function installed for NDM.

#### **CALLS**

(\*ndm->ndm\_open) ()

## snip\_ntap\_recv

### NAME

snip\_ntap\_recv — receives a PDU

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_ntap_recv(
        SNIP_NTAP                ntap_desc,
        NATIVE_INT                flags,
        SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS *        address,
        ADDRESS *                 buffer,
        NATIVE_INT *               buf_length,
        ADDRESS *                 arg,
        NATIVE_INT *               arg_length,
        SNIP_TIME *                timestamp,
        SNIP_BOOLEAN *              copy_on_buffer,
        SNIP_RECV_RESULT *         recv_result,
        SNIP_ERROR *                status
    );

```

### DESCRIPTION

This function is called to receive a PDU from the NTAP. Because the NTAP relies upon a user application installed NDM, this function makes a call to the installed NDM receive function. flags may be used to modify the behavior of the NDM for a particular call to receive a PDU. address will contain the network address that the PDU was sent to if known, SNIP\_NTAP\_ADDRESS\_INVALID otherwise. arg may contain NDM specific information that is associated with the PDU, but not contained in the PDU, such as network header information. If copy\_on\_buffer is set to SNIP\_TRUE then the NDM requires that the PDU be copied to a different buffer before the next snip\_ntap\_recv() call is made. The function snip\_router\_copy\_for\_buffer() is recommended for this purpose.

After receiving the PDU from the NDM the installed recv filters are invoked in the order that they were installed, and if the PDU fails any of the filters then it is not returned.

The NDM may issue errors or warnings other than those listed below.

## **snip\_ntap\_recv, continued**

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Recvng using bad or unopened ntap descriptor.
SNIP_ERR_NULL_PTR	NULL PDU buffer pointer passed.
SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED	No ntap_recv function installed for net tap.

### **CALLS**

```
(*ndm->ndm_recv) ()  
(*npo_ptr->recv_filter[i].pdu_filter_func) ()  
snip_ntap_control ()
```

## snip\_ntap\_send

### NAME

snip\_ntap\_send — send a PDU

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_ntap_send(
        SNIP_NTAP                ntap_desc,
        NATIVE_INT                flags,
        SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS         address,
        ADDRESS                  buffer,
        NATIVE_INT                buf_length,
        ADDRESS                  user_arg,
        ADDRESS                  spdm_arg,
        ADDRESS                  adm_arg,
        SNIP_SEND_RESULT *        send_result,
        SNIP_ERROR                * status
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

This function is called to send a PDU out the NTAP. Because the NTAP relies upon a user application installed NDM, this function makes a call to the installed NDM send function. flags may be used to modify the behavior of the NDM for a particular send of a PDU. user\_arg, spdm\_arg, and adm\_arg may give hints to the NDM as to how to send the PDU.

Before giving the PDU to the NDM the installed send filters are invoked in the order that they were installed, and if the PDU fails any of the filters then it is not sent.

The NDM may issue errors or warnings other than those listed below.

### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Sending using unopened ntap descriptor.
SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED	No ntap_send function installed for net tap.

### CALLS

```
(*npo_ptr->send_filter[i].pdu_filter_func) ()
(*ndm->ndm_send) ()
```

## **snip\_ntap\_setup**

### **NAME**

**snip\_ntap\_setup** — setup the NTAP library

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_ntap_setup(
        SNIP_ERROR * status
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

This function performs the setup for the NTAP. It is typically called by the `snip_setup()` function. It needs to be called before the `snip_ntap_init()` function.

### **ERRORS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_OUT_OF_MEMORY</code>	System ran out of memory
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### **WARNINGS**

<code>SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE</code>	NTAP already setup
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### **CALLS**

<code>snip_param_get_int32 ()</code>	
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### snip\_ntap\_status

#### NAME

snip\_ntap\_status — returns current NTAP or NDM state or mode information

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
snip_ntap_status(
    SNIP_NTAP          ntap_desc,
    SNIP_NTAP_CMD      cmd,
    ADDRESS           arg,
    NATIVE_INT        * size,
    SNIP_ERROR        * status
);
```

#### DESCRIPTION

This function returns status information of a particular channel of the NTAP and the configured NDM. The following commands may be used to obtain information about the current channel. These commands are of the type SNIP\_NTAP\_CMD. Also, because the NTAP relies on a user application installed NDM, the installed NDM may have additional commands whose enumeration should begin at SNIP\_NTAP\_NDM\_COMMAND\_BASE.

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_COMMAND_LIST
passed:
ARG:   SNIP_NTAP_CMD    **  arg;
SIZE:  NATIVE_INT      *  size;

returns:
ARG:   pointer to first element in array of
      SNIP_NTAP_CMD (in NDM space)
SIZE:  number of commands in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_DATA_MTU
passed:
ARG:   NATIVE_INT  *  arg;
SIZE:  NATIVE_INT  *  size;

returns:
ARG:   maximum length of send buffer
SIZE:  sizeof(NATIVE_INT)
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_NETWORK_ADDRESS
passed:
ARG:     NDM_dependent    **  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT       *  size;

returns:
ARG:     pointer to NDM_dependent (in NDM space)
SIZE:    sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_NETWORK_ADDRESS_STRING
passed:
ARG:     char            **  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT      *  size;

returns:
ARG:     formatted string of printable ASCII bytes
        (in NDM space)
SIZE:    length of string

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_MULTICAST_LIST
passed:
ARG:     NDM_dependent    **  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT       *  size;

returns:
ARG:     pointer to first element in array of
        NDM_dependent (in NDM space)
SIZE:    number of multicast addresses in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_MULTICAST_STRING_LIST
passed:
ARG:     char            *** arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT      *  size;

returns:
ARG:     pointer to first element in array of
        pointers to formatted strings of printable
        ASCII bytes (in NDM space)
SIZE:    number of strings in list
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_MULTICAST
passed:
ARG: SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN * arg;
      in_ptr points to NDM dependent multicast
      address in application space
SIZE: NATIVE_INT * size;

returns:
ARG: out_boolean contains SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE: sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_HEADER_FIELD_LIST
passed:
ARG: NDM_dependent ** arg;
SIZE: NATIVE_INT * size;

returns:
ARG: pointer to first element in array of
      NDM_dependent (in NDM space)
SIZE: number of header fields in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_HEADER_FIELD_STRING_LIST
passed:
ARG: char *** arg;
SIZE: NATIVE_INT * size;

returns:
ARG: pointer to first element in array of
      pointers to formatted strings of printable
      ASCII bytes (in NDM space)
SIZE: number of strings in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_HEADER_FIELD
passed:
ARG: SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN * arg;
      in_ptr points to NDM dependent header field
      in application space
SIZE: NATIVE_INT * size;

returns:
ARG: out_boolean contains SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE: sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN)
```

### **snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_NDM_DESCRIPTOR
      passed:
      ARG:     NDM_dependent    **  arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT      *  size;

      returns:
      ARG:     pointer to NDM_dependent (in NDM space)
      SIZE:    sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_NDM_NAME_STRING
      passed:
      ARG:     char          **  arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT    *  size;

      returns:
      ARG:     formatted string of printable ASCII bytes
              (in NDM space)
      SIZE:    length of string

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_NDM_VERSION
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_NTM_NDM_VERSION    *  arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT          *  size;

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_NDM_VERSION
      SIZE:    sizeof (SNIP_NTAP_NDM_VERSION);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_BLOCKING_RECV
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN    *  arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT      *  size;

      returns:
      ARG:     SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
      SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_EACH_RECV_BUFFER_SIZE
      passed:
      ARG:     NATIVE_INT    *  arg
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT    *  size;

      returns:
      ARG:     length of per-PDU receive buffer
      SIZE:    sizeof(NATIVE_INT);
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_TOTAL_RECV_BUFFER_SIZE
passed:
ARG:    NATIVE_INT    *    arg
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT    *    size;

returns:
ARG:    total size of receive buffer
SIZE:  sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_RECV_BUFFER_COUNT
passed:
ARG:    NATIVE_INT    *    arg
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT    *    size;

returns:
ARG:    count of per-PDU receive buffers
SIZE:  sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_RECV_BUFFER_NEED_CLEAR
passed:
ARG:    SNIP_BOOLEAN    *    arg;
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT    *    size;

returns:
ARG:    SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_RECV_BUFFER_FULL
passed:
ARG:    SNIP_BOOLEAN    *    arg;
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT    *    size;

returns:
ARG:    SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_BLOCKING_SEND
passed:
ARG:    SNIP_BOOLEAN    *    arg;
SIZE:   NATIVE_INT    *    size;

returns:
ARG:    SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_SEND_BUFFER_COUNT
      passed:
      ARG:    NATIVE_INT * arg;
      SIZE:   NATIVE_INT * size;

      returns:
      ARG:    count of per-PDU send buffers
      SIZE:   sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_SEND_BUFFER
      passed:
      ARG:    ADDRESS * arg;
      SIZE:   NATIVE_INT * size;

      returns:
      ARG:    pointer to send buffer
      SIZE:   length of send buffer in bytes

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_DEVICE_NAME_STRING
      passed:
      ARG:    char ** arg;
      SIZE:   NATIVE_INT * size;

      returns:
      ARG:    formatted string of printable ASCII bytes
             (in NDM space)
      SIZE:   length of string

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_DEVICE_PHYSICAL_ADDRESS
      passed:
      ARG:    ADDRESS * arg;
      SIZE:   NATIVE_INT * size;

      returns:
      ARG:    physical address of NDM device
      SIZE:   size of device address space if known, 0 if
             not known
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_DEVICE_MAPPED_ADDRESS
    passed:
    ARG:     ADDRESS      *      arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT   *      size;

    returns:
    ARG:     mapped address of NDM device
    SIZE:    size of device address space if known, 0 if
            not known

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_DEVICE_STATUS
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN  *      arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT   *      size;

    returns:
    ARG:     SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_TIME
    passed:
    ARG:     SNIP_TIME    *      arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT   *      size;

    returns:
    ARG:     current time in milliseconds
    SIZE:    sizeof(SNIP_TIME);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_MINIMUM_BANDWIDTH
    passed:
    ARG:     NATIVE_INT   *      arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT   *      size;

    returns:
    ARG:     guaranteed minimum bandwidth in bytes/second
    SIZE:    sizeof(NATIVE_INT);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_MAXIMUM_BANDWIDTH
    passed:
    ARG:     NATIVE_INT   *      arg;
    SIZE:    NATIVE_INT   *      size;

    returns:
    ARG:     maximum possible bandwidth in bytes/second
    SIZE:    sizeof(NATIVE_INT);
```

### **snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_MINIMUM_LATENCY
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_TIME    *    arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT   *    size;

      returns:
      ARG:     guaranteed minimum latency in milliseconds
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_TIME);

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_UNICAST_ADDRESS_LIST
      passed:
      ARG:     NDM_dependent ** arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT    *    size;

      returns:
      ARG:     pointer to first element in array of
              NDM_dependent (in NDM space)
      SIZE:   number of unicast addresses in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_UNICAST_ADDRESS_STRING_LIST
      passed:
      ARG:     char        *** arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT   *    size;

      returns:
      ARG:     pointer to first element in array of
              pointers to formatted strings of printable
              ASCII bytes (in NDM space)
      SIZE:   number of strings in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_STATISTICS
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_NDM_STATISTICS    ** arg;
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT                 *    size;

      returns:
      ARG:     pointer to SNIP_NTAP_NDM_STATISTICS
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_NDM_STATISTICS +
                  ndm_supplement)
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_LOOPBACK
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN      *  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT        *  size;

returns:
ARG:     SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_REBOUND
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN      *  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT        *  size;

returns:
ARG:     SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_ATON_RESOURCE
passed:
ARG:     NDM_dependent    *  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT        *  size;

returns:
ARG:     NDM_dependent
SIZE:   sizeof(NDM_dependent)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_SEND_ADDRESS_LIST
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS  **  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT        *  size;

returns:
ARG:     pointer to first element in array of
          SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS (in NDM space)
SIZE:   number of send addresses in list
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_SEND_ADDRESS
      passed:
      ARG:   SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN * arg;
              in_ptr points to SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS in
              application space
      SIZE:  NATIVE_INT          * size;

      returns:
      ARG:   out_boolean contains SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
      SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_RECV_ADDRESS_LIST
      passed:
      ARG:   SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS ** arg;
      SIZE:  NATIVE_INT          * size;

      returns:
      ARG:   pointer to first element in array of
              SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS (in NDM space)
      SIZE:  number of recv addresses in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_RECV_ADDRESS
      passed:
      ARG:   SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN * arg;
              in_ptr points to SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS in
              application space
      SIZE:  NATIVE_INT          * size;

      returns:
      ARG:   out_boolean contains SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
      SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_SEND_ON_NET
      passed:
      ARG:   SNIP_BOOLEAN * arg;
      SIZE:  NATIVE_INT          * size;

      returns:
      ARG:   SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
      SIZE:  sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)
```

**snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_RECV_ON_NET
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN      *  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT        *  size;

returns:
ARG:     SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_CHECK_TIMESTAMP_ON_RECV
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_BOOLEAN      *  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT        *  size;

returns:
ARG:     SNIP_TRUE or SNIP_FALSE
SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_BOOLEAN)

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_SEND_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER_LIST
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER    **  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT                *  size;

returns:
ARG:     pointer to first element in array of
          SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER
SIZE:   number of filters in list

CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_RECV_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER_LIST
passed:
ARG:     SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER    **  arg;
SIZE:    NATIVE_INT                *  size;

returns:
ARG:     pointer to first element in array of
          SNIP_PDU_CONTENTS_FILTER
SIZE:   number of filters in list
```

### **snip\_ntap\_status, continued**

```
CMD: SNIP_NTAP_GET_RECV_SUBSCRIBERS_COUNT
      passed:
      ARG:     SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN * arg;
              in_ptr points to SNIP_NTAP_ADDRESS in
              application space
      SIZE:    NATIVE_INT          * size;

      returns:
      ARG:     out_int contains the count
      SIZE:   sizeof(SNIP_NTAP_VALUE_RETURN)
```

### **ERRORS**

SNIP_ERR_NOT_OPEN	Statusing using bad or unopened ntap descriptor
SNIP_ERR_FUNCTION_NOT_INSTALLED	No ntap_status function installed for net tap

### **CALLS**

```
(*ndm->ndm_status) ()
```

## snip\_ntap\_uninit

### NAME

snip\_ntap\_uninit — uninitialized the NTAP library

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_ntap.h" #include "snl_ntap.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_ntap_uninit(
        SNIP_ERROR *           status
    );
```

### DESCRIPTION

This function performs the uninitialized for the NTAP. It is typically called by the snip\_uninit() function. It needs to be called after the snip\_ntap\_init() function. Because the NTAP relies upon a user application installed NDM, this function makes a call to the installed NDM uninit function.

### ERRORS

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	NTAP not setup
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### WARNINGS

SNIP_ERR_INCORRECT_STATE	NTAP not initialized
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### CALLS

```
snip_ntap_close ()
snip_error_delete_error_tree ()
(*ndm->ndm_uninit) ()
```

## **snip\_error\_delete\_error\_tree**

### **NAME**

**snip\_error\_delete\_error\_tree** — delete entire tree of error information

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_delete_error_tree (
        SNIP_ERROR *error
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Deletes an entire tree of error, warning, and call trace information. The user application is responsible for making this call when it is finished retrieving information from the error tree.

### **ERRORS**

```
NULL error or NULL *error
```

### **CALLS**

```
STDDEALLOC ()
```

### snip\_error\_dump\_errors

#### NAME

snip\_error\_dump\_errors — prints all information in error tree

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_dump_errors (
        SNIP_ERROR  error,
        FILE        *file
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Traverses the given error tree and prints the information stored there to the given file. This does not delete any information in the tree.

#### CALLS

```
snip_error_traverse_tree ()
snip_error_print_error_info ()
snip_error_print_trace_info ()
```

### **snip\_error\_get\_next\_error**

#### **NAME**

`snip_error_get_next_error` - retrieve information from the next error node in the tree

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_get_next_error (
        SNIP_ERROR      error,
        SNIP_ERROR_INFO **error_info
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

When an user application makes a call into SNIP any errors or warnings are recorded in a call tree. This tree exists until the user application calls `snip_error_delete_error_tree()`. `snip_error_get_next_error()` retrieves the next error node in the given call tree starting at the top and returns a pointer to it in `error_info`. When the last error is returned (`*error_info->is_last` is set to `SNIP_TRUE`). To examine the chain of calls that led to this node in the call tree, use `snip_error_get_next_trace()`.

#### **ERRORS**

```
NULL error
error not found
```

#### **CALLS**

```
snip_error_find_next_in_subtree ()
```

### snip\_error\_get\_next\_trace

#### NAME

snip\_error\_get\_next\_trace - examine the chain of calls preceding the last error examined

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_get_next_trace (
        SNIP_TRACE_INFO **trace_info
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

When an user application makes a call into SNIP, any errors or warnings are recorded in a call tree. This tree exists until the user application calls `snip_error_delete_error_tree()`. `snip_error_get_next_trace()` retrieves the next trace node in the given call tree starting at the node in the call tree that was last examined by `snip_error_get_next_error()`, and returns a pointer to it in `trace_info`. When the top of the call tree is returned, `(*trace_info)->is_last` is set to `SNIP_TRUE`.

#### ERRORS

trace not found

### **snip\_error\_get\_silence\_threshold**

#### **NAME**

`snip_error_get_silence_threshold` — returns the current silence threshold setting

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_get_silence_threshold (
        SNIP_ERROR_SEVERITY *threshold
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Returns the current silence threshold setting. Errors and warnings which are of a severity equal to or less than the silence threshold are ignored and not processed into nodes in the call tree.

### snip\_error\_print\_error\_info

#### NAME

snip\_error\_print\_error\_info — prints the error information from a single node in the call tree

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_print_error_info (
        SNIP_ERROR_INFO *error_info,
        ADDRESS         file
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Prints the error information from a single node in the call tree to the given open file stream descriptor. The file should be of type FILE \* but is passed as ADDRESS because snip\_error\_print\_error\_info() is of type SNIP\_PROCESS\_ERROR\_FUNC. The print format is:

```
error #<no.>: <description>
severity: <generator specific info>
in <proc_name> (<file_name> line <line_number>)
```

The output is indented based on depth in the call tree.

#### ERRORS

```
NULL error_info or NULL file
```

#### CALLS

```
fprintf()
```

## **snip\_error\_print\_trace\_info**

### **NAME**

**snip\_error\_print\_trace\_info** — prints the trace information from a single node in the call tree

### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_print_trace_info (
        SNIP_TRACE_INFO *trace_info,
        ADDRESS         file
    );
```

### **DESCRIPTION**

Prints the trace information from a single node in the call tree to the given open file stream descriptor. The file should be of type FILE \* but is passed as ADDRESS because **snip\_error\_print\_trace\_info()** is of type SNIP\_PROCESS\_TRACE\_FUNC. The print format is:

```
    called from <proc_name> (<file_name> line <line_number>)
    <tracer specific information>
```

The output is indented based on depth in the call tree.

### **ERRORS**

```
    NULL trace_info or NULL file
```

### **CALLS**

```
    fprintf()
```

### **snip\_error\_set\_silence\_threshold**

#### **NAME**

**snip\_error\_set\_silence\_threshold** — sets the silence threshold

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_set_silence_threshold (
        SNIP_ERROR_SEVERITY threshold
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Sets the silence threshold. When a SNIP function calls the Error Module to register an error or warning, errors and warnings which are of a severity equal to or less than the silence threshold are ignored and not processed into nodes in the call tree. Even though the SNIP function may not be able to continue and so returns without having completed the requested processing, the returned SNIP\_RESULT will be set to SNIP\_NO\_ERROR. It appears to the user application as if the error or warning never happened.

Values for threshold are (from lowest to highest):

```
SNIP_ACCEPT_ALL_ERRORS
SNIP_INFORMATIONAL
SNIP_CONTINUING_WARNING
SNIP_STOPPING_WARNING
SNIP_USER_ERROR
SNIP_INTERNAL_ERROR
```

### **snip\_error\_startup**

#### **NAME**

`snip_error_startup` — allows the user application to enable the creation of errors and traces

#### **SYNOPSIS**

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_startup (
        char *error_path,
        char *error_file
    );
```

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Allows the user application to enable the creation of error messages and error traces. The given `error_path/error_file`, which contains the correlations of error messages to error numbers, will then be read. This should be the first SNIP call made since the Error Module is used by all other SNIP modules.

#### **CALLS**

```
snip_error_text_read ()
```

### snip\_error\_traverse\_tree

#### NAME

snip\_error\_traverse\_tree — traverse the call tree and apply given functions to each node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include "snp_error.h"
```

```
extern SNIP_RESULT
    snip_error_traverse_tree (
        SNIP_ERROR          error,
        SNIP_PROCESS_ERROR_FUNC error_func,
        ADDRESS             error_user_arg,
        SNIP_PROCESS_TRACE_FUNC trace_func,
        ADDRESS             trace_user_arg
    );
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Traverses the given error call tree. Invokes the given error\_func with each error node's SNIP\_ERROR\_INFO and the error\_user\_arg. Invokes the given trace\_func with each trace node's SNIP\_TRACE\_INFO and the trace\_user\_arg. Either error\_func or trace\_func can be NULL without error.

#### ERRORS

```
NULL error
```

#### CALLS

```
snip_error_get_next_error ()
snip_error_get_next_trace ()
(*error_func) ()
(*trace_func) ()
```



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